

The Corps
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War Diary
of
No. 123 Light Aid Detachment, RCEME
September 1944 - May 1945

Attached to
1st Canadian Armoured Carrier Regiment



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A Brief History of No. 123 Light Aid Detachment, RCEME attached to 1st Canadian Armoured Carrier Regiment

(As written by the unit after the war)

123 LAD or as it is more commonly known, the “Kangaroo” LAD was really formed in an embryo on 5 August 1944. The high command had hit on the idea of removing the guns from M7s [self-propelled howitzers], adding some frontal armour, and using them in the Caen-Falaise battle for carrying infantry through to their objectives, with consequent saving in casualties. For maintaining these equipments, “Kangaroos” as they were called, an ad-hoc LAD of 31 all ranks was formed on the basis of servicing 36 Kangaroos for a supposed period of ten days to two weeks. Personnel were obtained from 32, 33, and 34 LADs and placed under command of Capt H. Duncan of 33 LAD. The equipment and a stock of spare parts were obtained from the same sources. The LAD gathered at Bayeaux on 5 August and moved up to the area of the Royal Regiment of Canada outside Caen where the 36 Kangaroos were harboured prior to going into action with the regiment on the opening night of the attack. There were a considerable number of light repairs required just before action, especially after several trial lifts with the infantry.

The attack went in during the first night, and for the next four days, the LAD had a great deal of work gathering up the numerous Kangaroos that had fallen by the wayside through breakdown or enemy action. Very little time out of operations was given during this and the later stages of the breakthrough, so the LAD was kept very busy. Then, to make matters worse, another 36 Kangaroos that had to be loaned to 51st Highland Division on another sector were returned. This now meant a total of 60 M7s to be serviced by the unit. On two occasions during this operation, help was given by 7th and 8th Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshops to carry out rapid repairs, some of a heavy nature. None of the M7s had any tools -- not even grease guns. Then too, the crew of a Kangaroo consisted of one man who could do practically no maintenance. It was during this period and until the end of August that administration from a higher level was almost nil.

After Falaise was taken, the Kangaroos were given two days to get patched up again and then the M7s and the LAD moved to Curcy near Trun. During the stay in the Trun area, a great deal of useful equipment in the line of cooking utensils, canvas, etc was gathered from the ‘pocket’.

On 28 August, the news came from Army HQ that a squadron of carriers was to be formed consisting of the 55 remaining M7s, 100 drivers, 4 troop officers, and an OC Squadron. It was to come under 25th Canadian Armoured Delivery Regiment for administration only, and for operations under command of various infantry brigades or divisions.

The squadron and LAD then started on the long move to Le Havre for the first organized action with the 51st Highland Division. A break was made at Harcourt for two days to get equipment and stores from 25th Canadian Armoured Delivery

Regiment. The Squadron and LAD then proceeded on to Le Havre to work with the 51st Highland Division. This action was highly successful and there were very few casualties to Kangaroos and none to the infantry.

Then came the actions against Boulogne and Calais. The Kangaroos were moved on transporters to the Boulogne area, which considerably reduced the repairs required. The M7s were standing up very well to the heavy use they were receiving. During these two actions, only about two carriers were written off due to mines and shelling. Some heavy recovery work was required. By this time, Kangaroos were becoming well-known and the administration was much improved.

Orders were received after the Calais operation to proceed to the area of Cassel, where 2nd Canadian Tank Troops Workshop was located. On arriving there it was found that all the M7 carriers were to be turned into the workshop, and new Ram carriers were to be drawn near Rouen. The squadron left for Rouen, and the LAD received orders from CREME Army Troops that it was to be a night stopover point at Wervick near Mennin, in Belgium, during the move up of 25th Canadian Armoured Delivery Regiment and the Kangaroo squadron. Here the LAD remained for 10 days during which time the squadron had all passed through on their way to Antwerp where the Rams were supposed to go into third echelon shops for repair. Instead they came under command 2nd British Army for action in Holland. A British LAD was attached to gain experience on the equipment. A message came through from the squadron OC asking that the LAD be brought up, because the British personnel were inexperienced. Permission was obtained from the OC 25th Canadian Armoured Delivery Regiment to proceed, but the LAD was stopped in Antwerp and ordered not to move on until released by the DDME. The LAD was then attached to 2nd Canadian Tank Troops Workshop for about a week just as the buzz bombs were becoming more plentiful, and one fell in the workshop during this period.

In the last week of October, word came of the formation of a regiment of carriers. Thus on 24 October, 1st Canadian Armoured Carrier Regiment came into being with resultant changes in the LAD. Tilburg was chosen as the point at which the regiment was to be formed and built up. The LAD proceeded to this area on 1 November to join the squadron, which had just come out of action, and was given seven days to get the carriers shaped for proposed operations. This did not materialize fortunately, and the regiment had November and December in which to get organized and to draw the remainder of the Rams and "B" vehicles. It was at this time that 123 LAD really came into being as such, with a greatly increased establishment of 52 all ranks.

Reinforcements and vehicles were obtained, and during this period the unit was kept extremely busy repairing the original Ram tanks of "A" Squadron and checking and repairing the new ones drawn. The LAD then was administered by BEME [Brigade Electrical and Mechanical Engineer], 31 British Brigade, in all matters except personnel, and derived a great deal of pleasure in working with Major Easter, the BEME, who gave real assistance in many matters.

Early in January, two troops of "B" Squadron were in action for two days at Wanssum Wood on the Maas River, and a section of the LAD accompanied them. Eight carriers ran onto a minefield. Recovery operations were very difficult as this sector was under direct enemy observation. Operations had therefore to be carried out at night with much care and a great deal of difficulty, owing to the cold, snow, and intermittent

mortaring. However, in two days, seven out of the eight Rams were recovered and repaired and sent back to Tilburg.

In the meantime, the regiment as a whole moved down to Winterslag in Belgium for operation "Blackcock", which was to relieve the pressure on the Ardennes sector. Conditions were at their worst in this operation that last two weeks. Icy roads, snow, sleet, fog, intense cold, and long hours gave the LAD one of its major tasks. The men of the LAD did a splendid job under these trying conditions and were congratulated by the BEME and Lt-Col Churchill, the CO of the regiment.

About 17 January, the regiment moved back to Lindhoven for refit in preparation for operation "Veritable" – "The Big Do". On the night of 8 February, they began 29 days of steady fighting through some of the worst tank country imaginable due to the flooding and mud. Here again, the recovery crews and fitters were working all hours of the day and night keeping the carriers working through the continually tough going caused by the boggy train. Again there were about 60 Kangaroos pulled out of the mud or repaired after anti-tank or bazooka fire.

Once more the regiment withdrew for a rapid re-fitting ready for the final blow – Operation "Plunder" -- the crossing of the Rhine. On 27 March, the regiment and LAD crossed the Rhine at Rees over the great Bailey pontoon bridge. During the whole operation until VE-Day, the LAD operated in squadron sections. The last action was by "A" squadron on 5 May at 0700 hours. The war in Europe ended three days later.



The Kangaroo "Marion" of the 1st Canadian Armoured Carrier Regiment. The Regiment requested that the carrier be returned to Canada after the war as a regimental trophy.

The request was refused on the grounds that the Canadian Army had no intention of having a unit like 1 CACR in the army after the war.

Organization of a "Type E" Light Aid Detachment

A LIGHT AID DETACHMENT, TYPE "E", RCEME

(To serve a Canadian Armoured Personnel Carrier Regiment)

War Establishment Cdn II/340B/2

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(i) Personnel			
Detail	Headquarters	2 Sections (each)	Total
Captain (officer commanding)	1	..	1
Total, officers	1	..	1
Warrant officers class II ... ..	..	1	2
Staff-sergeants ... ..	..	1	2
Sergeants	1	1	3
Total warrant officers, staff-sergeants and sergeants	1	3	7
Corporals ... ..	..	1	2
Lance-corporals	1	2	5
Craftsmen and privates	7	15	37
Private (RCASC)	1	..	1
Total, rank and file	9	18	45
Total, other ranks	10	21	52
Total, all ranks	11	21	53
(ii) Distribution of other ranks by trades and duties			
NON-TRADESMEN			
Drivers IC	(a) 2	..	2
General dutymen (trained as drivers IC)	2	..	2
Total, non-tradesmen	4	..	4
TRADESMEN			
Armament artificers (vehicle)			
Warrant officers class II - (armament quartermaster-sergeants) ... ..	..	1	2
Armament staff-sergeants ... ..	..	1	2
Artizans			
Driver mechanics (tank) ... ..	..	6	12
Driver operators	2	1	4
Electricians (Vehicle and Plant) ... ..	..	2	4
Vehicle mechanics (AFV) ... ..	..	7	14
Welders (acetylene or electric) ... ..	..	2	4
Clerks	1	..	1
Cook (RCASC)	1	..	1
Storemen (T & D)			
Sergeant	1	..	1
Craftsmen	1	1	3
Total, tradesmen	6	21	48
Total, other ranks	10	21	52

(iii) Transport					
Detail			Headquarters	2 Sections (each)	Total
Motorcycle, solo	...	...	1	..	1
Cars, 5 cwt	...	...	1	1	3
Truck, 15 cwt, armoured	...	...	1	..	1
Trucks, 15 cwt, machinery "KL"	...	...	..	1	2
Truck, 15 cwt, fitted for wireless	...	...	1	..	1
Trucks, 15 cwt, GS	...	...	1	1	3
Lorries, 3 ton, GS	...	...	1	1	3
Lorries, 3 ton, GS stores	...	...	1	1	3
Tractors, breakdown, heavy	...	...	..	1	2
Trailers, 20 cwt, GS	...	...	1	1	3
Trailers, gas welding	...	...	..	1	2
Tanks, recovery	...	...	..	1	2
(iv) Weapons					
Pistol	...	...	1	..	1
Rifles .303 inch	3	14	31
Machine carbines	7	7	21

(a) One driver IC will also perform batman duties.

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LAD (att 1 Cdn Arm'd Pers Carrier Sqn)

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~~INTERCOMBAT SUMMARY~~

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
	1944			
	1 Sep	44	Weather - hot and dusty LAD received orders to be ready to move by 1100 hrs. from Courcy (verbal order from OC Sqn). Route - Heart Route all the way to Brionne - then Diamond up to new location approx. 3 miles west of Elbeuf. Convoy moved off at 1100 hrs. There was a slight delay during move due to minor breakdown. Arrived about 1 mile west of Brionne at dusk and found Troop Carriers had camped there for night.	
	2 Sep	44	Weather - fair and mild Orders were received by OC Sqn that plans were changed and Sqn and LAD were to set up at Harcourt about 5 miles to the south. LAD moved off at noon and set up camp in large field near sqn at Harcourt. It was then thought that sqn would turn in their M7 troop carriers and draw new Ram II Carriers.	
	3 Sep	44	Weather - cool Capt. Duncan went to 1 Cdn Army Tps Wksp for parts. AQMS Lowe recovered two troop carriers which had got lost and broken down en route. Word received that night that Sqn must be ready to move by 5 Sep. Programme laid out for repairs to be started next morning to prepare for move.	
	4 Sep	44	Weather - excellent LAD and Sqn fitters spent a very busy day making repairs of all natures to the carriers. Repairs were finished by 1800 hrs. and tanks ready to roll.	
	5 Sep	44	Weather - excellent Troops carriers moved off in convoy at 0900 hrs. and Capt. Duncan sent a party of fitters with them to carry out running repairs. LAD moved off at 1100 hrs. and took following route: Harcourt, Neubourg, Pont la Larche, Igoville, Rouen, Marenne, Barenun, Yvetot. Troop carriers were to rendezvous in Yvetot area until further orders from 1 Br. Corps. LAD arrived at Yvetot at dusk and set up camp in field adjoining the carriers.	
	6 Sep	44	Weather - excellent LAD and squadron fitters worked all day to get carriers road worthy again. There were a great many repairs made to suspensions - mainly top rollers.	

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	7 Sep	44	Weather - cloudy but warm AQMS Lowe went out to get some essential parts from nearest Br. wksp. Orders came from 1 Br. Corps to move to area of Epouville outside Le Havre. The troop carriers left at noon and the LAD followed at 1630 hrs. arriving at outskirts of Epouville at dusk. Camp was set up in orchard on main road just on west side of the town.	
	8 Sep	44	Weather - light rain The Troop carriers moved to a new and more suitable rendezvous about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from LAD. Some minor repairs were carried out.	
	9 Sep	44	Weather - very heavy rain In the morning, the troop carriers were split up, 26 going to 49 Div/area and 15 to the 49 Div (Hullamshire Regt). A party of LAD fitters was sent with the 15 carriers, the 26 being serviced from the LAD's present location. (ESSEX)	
	10 Sep	44	Weather - still wet By noon of 10 Sep, the carriers were all fit for battle. Heavy bombers passed over in afternoon and early evening. The troop carriers with the 49 Div went into action about 2000 hrs and a party of LAD fitters were standing by to carry out any necessary repairs on their return.	
	11 Sep	44	Weather - fair, but ground still very wet At 0700 hrs, a party of fitters under Sgt. Headorn went to 49 Div rendezvous area and carried out minor repairs to the carriers. All were fit for battle. The carriers then went back into action.	
	12 Sep	44	Weather - clear and warm Report received from Sqn that two troop carriers had been blown up on minefield. In afternoon, Capt. Duncan and AQMS Lowe went to area, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles outside Montevilliers, on the main road to Le Havre to inspect the damage. The area was still heavily mined and both carriers had tracks blown off and damaged suspensions and were beyond 1st echelon repair. Map reference location was noted with view to recovery at later date.	

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	13 Sep		<p>Weather - very fine</p> <p>Capt. Duncan and AQMS Lowe went to examine troop carrier with broken drive shaft - beyond 1st echelon repair so map reference location taken. A list of the three troop carriers, damage to them and their location sent to DDME, 1 Br Corps so arrangements could be made for recovery and repair. Orders to move to Boulogne area received at 1000 hrs from Sqn HQ. Troop carriers were to be moved by transporter and IAD was to follow. No specific route was given but the transporters were supposed to stop in Samers. The IAD broke camp at 1500 hrs. at which time L/Cpl. Tronsgard, Cfn. Wilson, Cfn. Falle, Cfn. Compton 5 cwt and trailer had not returned from Hallamshire group of carriers. AQMS Lowe went in search of them. There were heavy convoys on the road and the convoy passed through Neufchatel just at dusk. Camp was set up 2 miles east of Neufchatel for the night. AQMS Lowe had not returned.</p>	
	14 Sep		<p>Weather - still fine</p> <p>IAD broke camp at first light and were on the road by 0900 hrs. One of the rear tires blew out on the Mack Bkdn and held convoy up for about an hour. Convoy arrived at Samers around 1400 hrs and one of our tank transporters was located. Transporter led the way to the Squadron rendezvous in the Foret de Boulogne arriving at approx 1700 hrs. Camp was set up. Only 28 of the troop carriers had arrived. AQMS Lowe had not ret'd from looking for lost party of L/Cpl. Tronsgard and 3 men.</p>	
	15 Sep		<p>Weather - clear and warm</p> <p>AQMS Lowe arrived at breakfast time. He had found no trace of the missing party. The Provost Corps was informed and was asked to keep on the lookout for them, a description having been given. The remaining troop carriers arrived in during day. Capt. Duncan was informed that IAD must move from forward area back about 1 mile to A Echelon. IAD set up camp at Sqn "A" Echelon and sent all fitters to forward rendezvous area at 1300 hrs. to prepare troop carriers for battle. All repairs completed by 2000 hrs.</p>	
	16 Sep		<p>Weather - clear and cool</p> <p>A crew of fitters sent to troop carrier rendezvous to do minor repairs. A 100 hr. check started on one engine and it was found necessary to send for parts to 2 Cdn Tk Tps Wksp.</p>	
	17 Sep		<p>Weather - clear and cool</p> <p>Crew sent to rendezvous area at 0800 hrs for final check on troop carriers before they left for action. All were fit for battle. Bombers passed over on way to bomb outer defenses of Boulogne. A 100 hr check on troop carrier completed. Men went to Mobile Bath Unit.</p>	

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	1944			
	18 Sep		<p>Weather - cloudy and cool</p> <p>Capt. Duncan contacted Capt. Corbeau and found troop carriers were still out and several probably casualties. Capt. Duncan and AQMS Lowe went to approximate area and found 2 equipments knocked out. First had a direct hit in fighting compartment with H.E. and was a 2nd echelon casualty. The second had hit a mine and blew left track and damaged left front and centre suspension. Arrangements were made with RCE's to clear minefield to facilitate recovery. All available fitters sent to rendezvous area to prepare troop carriers for move to Calais as they had returned from action. A third carrier was found in a field about 300 yds from first two, with a broken drive shaft.</p>	
	19 Sep		<p>Weather - excellent</p> <p>A crew of fitters sent out to repair troop carriers with broken drive shaft. One more carrier located on main road into Boulogne on hill. It had slipped into a huge bomb crater and could not be driven out. It was recovered with the aid of a Sherman ARV, a Churchill ARV and a D-7 tractor. It had not suffered any damage.</p>	
	20 Sep		<p>Weather - excellent</p> <p>A crew of fitters was sent to carrier which had suffered direct hit. The engine was removed as a spare and a 100-hr check was started on it.</p>	
	21 Sep		<p>Weather - excellent</p> <p>Capt. Duncan and AQMS Lowe checked on troop carrier in minefield - still not cleared of mines. Presence of "S" mines detected and personnel warned of danger.</p>	
	22 Sep		<p>Weather - clear and warm</p> <p>Capt. Hargraves from 2 Cdn Tk Tps Wksp called to obtain list of parts probably required for overhaul of M-7 troop carrier after Calais show. Overhaul programme to be carried out by IAD and AWD from 2 Tk Tps Wksp. Cfn. Phinney sent back to Le Havre to try and find L/Opl. Tronsgard and the three men with him.</p>	
	23 Sep		<p>Weather - cool and raining</p> <p>Capt. Duncan and AQMS Lowe checked again on troop carrier in minefield and found Engineers had still not cleared field of Teller and "S" mines. A 100 hr check carried out on spare Radial engine. Crew of fitters came to finish check to carriers in preparation for Calais show.</p>	

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	24 Sep		Weather - cool and raining Twenty-eight troop carriers left at 0400 hrs. for Calais action. Sqn fitters accompanied them. Cfn. Phinney returned and had seen no sign of missing party.	
	25 Sep		Weather - cold and windy 100-hr check completed on troop carrier S215760. Minor repairs carried out to troop carriers left out of Calais action. Major Wegan, OC, 2 Cdn Tk Tps Wksp called in afternoon to obtain information as to when troop carriers would be finished in Calais action. This information was not available.	
	26 Sep		Weather - bright and clear More heavy bombers passed over early to bomb Calais defenses. Crew of fitters making minor repairs to troop carriers at sqn. Main leaf for front spring of Sqn scout car manufactured as no spares available.	
	27 Sep		Weather - cool and cloudy More heavy bombers passed over after bombing Calais - one seen to crash after crew bailed out. AQMS Lowe carried out further inspection of troop carriers in preparation for Overhaul scheme. All inspections were finished by 1700 hrs. All the troop carriers returned from Calais action - no casualties were sustained.	
	28 Sep		Weather - cool and cloudy Report on condition of troop carriers made out to facilitate repair schedule. Crew of fitters sent to Sqn to carry out minor repairs. Capt. Duncan and AQMS Lowe again inspected carrier in minefield - still not cleared.	
	29 Sep		Weather - cloudy and raining Carrier in minefield still not cleared for recovery. Court of Inquiry held on accidental death of Cfn. Buzak at 1500 hrs. Lieut. Blackader was President, Lieuts. Perven and Saint-Germain were members. The court was convened by Capt. Corbeau, OC of the Sqn. Statements were obtained from Capt. Duncan, AQMS Lowe and the three men involved in the accident.	

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	1944 30 Sep		<p>Weather - cloudy and warm</p> <p>Orders to move to Cassels Area next to 2 Cdn Tk Tps Wksp received from HQ of the Sqn.</p> <p>Vehicles were packed up and camp area cleaned. Convoy proceeded at 1430 hrs. Route from Boulogne - St. Omer - Cassels. Arrived at 2 Cdn Tk Tps Wksp at 1630 hrs. and sep up camp in field adjacent to Wksp.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <i>G. R. Murray R.Q.M.S. CAPT.</i> OC IAD att 1 Cdn Armd Pers Carrier Sqn </p>	via main

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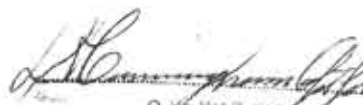
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, refer to Appendices initials
In the field	1 Nov 44		IAD prepared to move today. Some heavy spare parts were obtained. Shop was cleaned up and IAD was ready to move at noon. IAD moved at 1300 hrs via Antwerp, Turnhout, Poppel and arriving at Tilburg. Minor breakdown caused slight delay. Arrived Tilburg at approximately 1700 hrs. Regt. could not be found from directions and no signs were up. IAD stayed with Br. Arty unit in Tilburg outskirts. Weather - cloudy and cold. <i>E.D.</i>	
	2 Nov 44		Sent DRS out first thing to find Regt. Location in Tilburg found and IAD was set up in middle of square. Lieut. Rookes (Tech Adjt) and Capt. Duncan selected four worst equipments to start 100 hrs. checks on. Work was started late in afternoon. Weather - clear and cool <i>E.D.</i>	
	3 Nov		Weather - cloudy and cool. Work proceeded on four Rams. Two more engines could stand being manftd. Capt. Duncan proceeded to 12 Br. Corps Hq with Lieut. Rookes to obtain information re spares backloading to Wksp. Late in afternoon Capt. Duncan left for Ghent as per orders of CREME A Tps to settle rft problems, and also to pick up spare parts at 2 Tk Tps Wksp. Arrived about 1800 hrs. <i>E.D.</i>	
	4 Nov		Weather - clear and cool. Capt. Duncan went to CREME Hq Army Tps for further instrs on personnel. Was unable to contact Major Baker till noon. Reinforcements should arrive soon. Capt. Duncan returned to 2 Tk Tps and arranged for necessary spare parts. <i>E.D.</i>	
	5 Nov		Weather - cloudy and cold. Capt. Duncan obtained spares in morning. Arrived back at camp at supper time. Work nearly completed on the four Rams. <i>E.D.</i>	
	6 Nov		Weather - windy and cold. Work completed on first four Rams. Next four brought in for repair. General inspection made of Rams and considerable suspension trouble found. More maintenance required. Capt. Rookes and Capt. Duncan went to 12 Corps British and 826 Tk Tps Wksp to arrange for spares and wksp facilities. Arrangements made to send 10 Rams to 826 Tk Tps Wksp. <i>E.D.</i>	

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In the field	7 Nov 44		Weather - cloudy and cold. Work proceeded on Rams. Notification received in late afternoon to pick up 9 Cfn. and 1 AFV Armt Art S/Sgt. at 12 Bn, 2 CERG, at Ghent. Arrangements made to pick up reinforcements in morning. <i>E.D.</i>	
	8 Nov		Weather - Cold and cloudy. Work proceeded on 4 Rams. Capt. Duncan went to Gent for reinforcements. Also visited 2 Tk Tps to obtain essential tools. Obtained 10 reinforcements - S/Sgt. Murray and 9 Cfn. (3 storemen, 1 clerk, 1 G.D., 1 Dvr IC, 1 Dvr Oper and 2 Dvr Mechs). <i>E.</i>	
	9 Nov		Weather - Cold and raining, fast Capt. Duncan, OC and 2 IC _A visited a factory near canal and made arrangements for IAD to move into a part of it. Factory was cleaned up. Dental parade held in afternoon. Cfn. Conway despatched to Gent to pick up reinforcements. <i>E.D.</i>	
	10 Nov		Weather - Cold and raining. IAD moved to new billets in a school near Town square. In afternoon had QM and Dental parade. Cfn. Conway had not returned with reinforcements. <i>E.D.</i>	
	11 Nov		Weather - Cloudy and cold. Work proceeded on four Rams. 2 Rams completely finished and tested. More slight repairs found necessary on other two. Cfn. Conway returned with 6 Dvr Mech rfts. <i>E.D.</i>	
	12 Nov		Weather - Cloudy and cold. IAD moved to small factory building near canal. It was found large enough to work on 4 Rams at a time although rather cramped. The 4 100-hr checks finished in afternoon on Ram carriers. <i>E.D.</i>	
	13 Nov		Weather - Cloudy and cold. Four more Rams brought into IAD for 100 hr. checks and work commenced. After dinner Capt. Duncan and Sgt. Headon left for Gent to see CREME Army Tps about requirements of IAD - also to obtain essential parts. <i>E.D.</i>	

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In the field	14 Nov 44		Weather - cold and raining. Work proceeded on the 4 Rams. It was found necessary to replace 1 engine with a new one. Capt Duncan submitted list of special tools urgently required by IAD. Lt. Col. McKinley and 2 IC were out at time. Parts were obtained at 2 Cdn Tk Tps Wksp and 4 Cdn Armad Tps Wksp. <i>E.D.</i>	
	15 Nov		Weather - cold and cloudy. Work proceeded on Rams. One engine replaced - other 3 almost ready. Breakdown and crew sent out to tow in 60 cwt of Regt after collision. <i>E.D.</i>	
	16 Nov		Weather - Heavy frost, cloudy. Evidence of fairly heavy frost during night noticed. IAD requirements of anti-freeze obtained and put in vehicles. Engines now replaced in 4 Rams after 100 hr. check and ready for test run. Ten more Rams sent to 826 Tk Tps Wksp (British) for 100 hrs. checks and general repairs. Repairs being carried out to 60 cwt and 15 cwt damaged in accident. Finished repairs to GMC scout car. <i>E.D.</i>	
	17 Nov		Weather - cloudy and cold. Work finished on 3 Rams. Fourth to be finished by 1700 hrs. Three more Rams brought in for 100-hr. Checks. Capt. Duncan's 5 cwt stolen from in front of "B" Officers Mess in Parking Area at approx. 2000 hrs. 16 Nov 44. The 5 cwt had been properly immobilized by removal of Rotor and disconnecting of high tension lead. A HQ 3 Div Sigs 5 cwt which had had a front end collision was left in its place, The rotor and high tension lead having been removed and placed in Capt. Duncan's 5 cwt. Military Police were notified. HQ 3 Div Sigs car 5 cwt. was towed in by town MPs and investigation being made. <i>E.D.</i>	
	18 Nov		Weather - cloudy and cool. One more Ram II finished. Other 3 under way. Men given the afternoon off. No word from MPs of stolen jeep. <i>E.D.</i>	
	19 Nov		Weather - cool and cloudy. Message received by Capt Duncan to visit CREWE 1 Corps Br. (Col. Maitland) to arrange for some repairs to be carried out to Rams at 821 Tk Tps Wksp (Br.). Capt. Duncan and Capt. Rookes called at 1 Corps HQ and made necessary arrangements with Col. Maitland. Also told to report to OC of wksp next morning. <i>E.D.</i>	

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In the field	20 Nov		Weather - showers and warmer. Capt. Duncan and Tech Adj (Capt Rookes) visited OC, 821 Tk Tps Wksp (Br) to arrange for repairs to be carried out to 10 Ram Troop Carriers. Rams delivered at 1330 hrs. Two more Rams completed at IAD. <i>E.L.</i>	
	21 Nov		Weather - showers and warmer. Two more Rams brought in for 100 hr. checks. Capt Duncan contacted OC, 821 Tk Tps Wksp (Br) and arranged for suspension repairs. Men on bath parade at 1300 hrs. Sgt. Headon burned in face and one eye by battery acid when top blew off battery. Sgt. Headon being attended by Orderly immediately at RAP and later by MO. Sgt. Headon went to 88 Gen Hosp (Br) for treatment. Advised to report every morning. <i>E.L.</i>	
	22 Nov		Weather - Cool and showery. Orders received from RHQ to be ready to move on 2 hrs. notice. Two Rams would not be finished before night and no more to be brought in for 100 hr checks. Minor repairs to be made to two more. S/Sgt. Tatham sent to Gent to pick up reinforcement cook (RCASC) at 1500 hrs. Orders received that move was cancelled. Normal work to continue. <i>E.L.</i>	
	23 Nov		Weather - raining and cool. One more Ram brought in for repair. Work nearly completed on 3 Rams - to be finished by noon. Three more Rams brought in for 100 hr. checks. In the afternoon, Capt. Duncan and Capt. Rookes went to Army Hq, Admin Area in Breda to get definite information on what type of oil (HD50 or HD30) to use for winter use in Radial engines in Ram IIs. Major Cornish (ADLE "A" Vols) to advise as soon as possible. <i>E.L.</i>	
	24 Nov		Weather - cloudy and cool. Work proceeding on 3 more Rams. Repairs being carried out to 10s 15 cwt. One 100 hr. check completed and another Ram brought in for repair. Car 5 cwt stolen on 16 Nov recovered in Tilburg. It had been smashed into a brick wall and left. Frame was bent - IAD attempting repairs. Military Police informed of recovery. <i>E.L.</i>	
	25 Nov		Weather - cool and clear Work proceeding on four Rams in shop. Mount for .30 cal. MG to be used on Rams finished and ready for test. Personnel given afternoon off. <i>E.L.</i>	
	26 Nov		Weather - cloudy and cool Personnel given day off. MO's inoculation parade held at 0915 hrs. Horse show put on for the troops at 1400 hrs. <i>E.L.</i>	

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In the field	27 Nov 44		Weather - raining and cool. Capt. Duncan went to CREME Army Tps at Gent to see about personnel and vehicle problems. Outcome was to send a list of all personnel on X-10 List to CREME and he will arrange to have them TOS LAD through 2nd Ech. One Ram finished - work proceeding on other three. Maint for .30 cal. MG on Ram tested by Capt. Rooke and found satisfactory. . E.D.	
	28 Nov		Weather - cool and raining. Test carried out of HD30 oil in Ram Radial engine. Tank was taken on test run for 1 hr, 40 mins and oil consumption was 1 1/4 galls. Further tests being carried out. Two 100-hr. checks completed in afternoon. E.D.	
	29 Nov		Weather - clear and warm. Capt. Duncan sent another Ram out on test using HD 30 oil. Total engine hrs. run including 2 hrs idling was 8 hrs. Total mileage run 70. Total oil consumption - 5 gals HD 30. Three 100 hr. checks completed. MOs half track inspected with view to carrying out modifications for stretchers, etc. A WARD LaFRANCE HVY BKDN picked up at 3 Corps and Army Tps Sub Pk - Scammel Bkdn to be turned in. E.D.	
	30 Nov		Work started on MOs half track. Two 100 hr. checks completed on Rams. Weather - cloudy and cool. E.D.	

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Tilburg NR 175321 's Hertogenbosch Sheet 5 Scale 1:100,000	1944 1 Dec	44	Weather - fair S/Sgt. Tatham went to Tent with letter asking for TOS auth on 17 personnel presently shown as att from X-10 List, RCECE and X-10 List, RCOO - four from the latter. S/Sgt. Tatham delivered letter. Tried to turn in Scammel but as there was no VID nearby success was nil. One tank completed.	7/2
	2 Dec		Weather: Morning - cold and cloudy; afternoon - cold and cloudy; evening - cold and cloudy Meetin at COs office at 1100 hrs. called off. Personnel worked all day. S/Sgt. Tatham went to 4 Arm'd Bde Wksp for parts. Major Cornish and Major McArthur called from Army H. to see Capt. Duncan about making up a G1098 for the IAD.	7/2
	3 Dec		Weather: Morning - cold; afternoon - cold and raining; evening - raining and moderating temperature All personnel given day off. Cfn. Shapiro and Cfn. McHenry proceeded on 48 hrs. leave to Brussels at 0930 hrs.	7/2
	4 Dec		Weather: Morning - cold with spotty rain and a hailstorm; afternoon - cold and cloudy; evening - cold with a little rain Clerk notified this morning by one of the Sgts. that he and another chap desire to be married and could he obtain the necessary "Application for Permission to Marry" for both of them. This brings the total of casualties in this department to three. Message, dated 152200h, from HQ A Tps Area, PCA outlining details of 30 day leaves to Canada for personnel with 5 yrs overseas service arrived at 123 IAD this afternoon - too late for anyone to get on the draft leaving for Christmas. One tank completed. MOs half-track still under repair. Twenty-four tanks tested - six found suitable, the other 18 require further repairs here or at wksp. 21 Parade at 1330 hrs.	7/2
	5 Dec		Weather: Morning - cloudy and cool with some rain; afternoon - cloudy and cool; evening - cloudy and cool Five tanks with questionable transmissions taken out for road test - required adjustment. Capt. Duncan took 20 of the Regt to a proposed test area for the Hams about 3 miles south-east of Tilburg. Area found to be very satisfactory for training purposes and as it is a waste area no damage is liable. Light repairs carried out to 2 Hams. Two 100 hr checks completed.	7/2

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Tilburg MR 175321 's Hertogenbosch Sheet 5 Scale 1:100,000	1944 6 Dec		Weather: morning - cloudy; afternoon - cloudy; evening - cloudy and raining Routine morning. Six tanks completed. Light repairs carried out on 12 tanks.	M.S.
	7 Dec		Weather: morning - cool and raining; afternoon - cloudy; evening - cloudy Light repairs carried out on 6 tanks. Cfn. Phinney, Cfn. Wilson and L/Cpl. Ryan proceeded on 48 hrs leave to Ghent this morning.	M.S.
	8 Dec		Weather: morning - fair; afternoon - sunny; evening - fair Light repairs carried out to 7 tanks. Routine day.	M.S.
	9 Dec		Weather: cloudy all day LAD personnel had afternoon off. Work on vehicles continued as usual this morning.	M.S.
	10 Dec		Weather: fair LAD personnel had day off. A/Cpl. Banks, L/Cpl. Gillespie and Cfn. Miron proceeded on 48 hrs. leave to Brussels. Cfn. Bennett and L/Cpl. Tyers left after dinner from the M.O.R. on 48 hrs. leave to Paris - leave commences at 1400 hrs. Monday.	M.S.
	11 Dec		Weather: cloudy and cool Routine day. Work on vehicles continuing as usual.	M.S.
	12 Dec		Weather: morning - cloudy; afternoon - cloudy; evening - cold and raining A/Sgt. Hasted, Cfn. Hayward and Cfn. McKerral proceeded on 48 hrs. leave to Brussels this morning. Routine day. Work continuing on vehicles.	M.S.
	13 Dec		Weather: morning - cloudy and cool; afternoon - cloudy; evening - cloudy Small Arms inspection held outside workshop this morning by Capt. Duncan. Arms in good condition. 100 hr checks completed on 2 Rams in afternoon. Light repairs carried out on 2 tanks.	M.S.
	14 Dec		Weather: morning - cool and foggy; afternoon - clear; evening - nippy Routine morning. Capt Duncan and Capt Rook went to Brussels to 1 Adv Base Wksp to inspect pilot model of .30 cal. MG mount for Ram Pers Carrier. 100 hr. checks on 2 Rams completed in afternoon. Light repairs carried out on 2 tanks. Cfn. Mador and Cfn. Morris proceeded on 48 hrs. leave to Brussels this morning.	M.S.

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Tilburg MR 175321 's Hertogenbosch Sheet 5 Scale 1:100,000	15 Dec		Weather: morning - cold; afternoon - cold and cloudy; evening - cloudy Heavy frost during the night. Capt. Duncan and Capt. Rook returned from Brussels this afternoon. Two minor changes in dimensions were found necessary owing to discrepancies in drawings on .30 cal. MG mount. Capt. Robinson is now going ahead on the production of 130 mounts. Regt. to contact 1 Adv Base Wksp on the 22nd of December in order to pick up some of the completed mounts. Repairs to tank completed today.	MS
	16 Dec		Weather: morning - cloudy; afternoon - cool; evening - cool Modifications to MOs Half Track completed. Work being carried out on 3 Rams. Personnel went on bath parade at 1500 hrs.	MS
	17 Dec		Weather: morning - cloudy; afternoon - cloudy; evening - cloudy IAD Personnel worked all day. Broken generator drive found in Ram engine - replacement required. Modification to Ward La France breakdown being carried out. Cfn. Falle and A/Sgt. Meneice proceeded on 48 hrs. to Brussels this morning.	MS
	18 Dec		Weather: morning - cloudy; afternoon - cloudy; evening - cloudy Five Ram personnel carriers taken out for test run in morning - minor repairs found necessary. New Ram engine picked up at 3 Corps & Army Tps Sub Pk for replacement in a Ram carrier. More VIs passed over going towards Antwerp. Light repairs carried out on Ford 15 cwt. Two IAD vehs sent to 1 Army Tps Wksp for repairs.	MS
	19 Dec		Weather: morning - cold; afternoon - foggy; evening - very foggy Repairs completed on 2 tanks. Clothing Parade held at 0900 hrs. Cfn. Desforages and Cfn. O'Brien proceeded on 48 hrs. leave to Ghent this morning.	MS
	20 Dec		Weather: morning - cloudy; afternoon - cloudy; evening - foggy One 100 hr. check completed today. Repairs finished on 5 other tanks. 123 IAD came under command of 79 Armd Div (Br) today.	MS
	21 Dec		Weather: morning - cold and cloudy; afternoon - cloudy; evening - foggy Two tanks repaired. Capt. Duncan held a dress rehearsal this a ternoen of IAD personnel for the inspection on Saturday by Major-General Hobard, Officer commanding 79 Armd Div. Minor items, such as patches and cap badges were required by some of the personnel. Repairs completed on 2 tanks today. Cfn. Brunet, Cfn. Stickley and Cfn. Edwards proceeded on 48 hrs. leave to Brussels this morning. 123 IAD came under 31 Tk Bde today of 79 Armd Div today.	MS

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Tilburg MR 175321 's Hertogenbosch Sheet 5 Scale 1:100,000	1944			
	22 Dec		Weather: morning - cold and raining; afternoon - cloudy; evening - cold The OC of the Regt, Lt. Col. Churchill held a dress rehearsal of the inspection for the Regt and IAD at 2 pm. Personnel assembled at "A" & "B" Sqd Parade Square and marched off to the square selected for the inspection. General Salute, Present Arms and an inspection were carried out. Repairs to 2 tanks completed today.	
	23 Dec		Weather: morning - cloudy; afternoon - sunshine; evening - cool All personnel save a skeleton staff marched off at 1045 am for the inspection at 11:30 a.m. by Major-General Hobart commanding 79 Arm'd Div. The inspection went off very well. The General paid a short visit to the IAD. Rumours of parachutists brought about a stand-to today. Fifty percent of IAD personnel required to remain in billets. IAD personnel had afternoon off. Two .30 cal mounts picked up from 1 Adv Base Wesp today.	
	24 Dec		Weather: morning - cold; afternoon - cold; evening - frosty with bright moonlight IAD personnel attended a theatre party at the Garrison Theatre this morning. Christmas Dinner was eaten today at 2:30 p.m. Menu consisted of chicken soup, turkey and pork chops, potatoes, creamed carrots and peas, biscuit and tea, pudding with sauce and coffee. A small orchestra played during the dinner. Lt. Col. Churchill visited the ORs Mess at dinner-time for a short while. Capt. Duncan, OC 123 IAD, stayed throughout most of the dinner. Cfn. Nelson proceeded on 48 hrs. leave to Brussels this morning.	
	25 Dec		Weather: morning - frosty; afternoon - cold and clear; evening - heavy frost and bright moonlight Christmas Day! Church Parade held for all personnel this morning at 0900A hrs. Service was brief - a few carols were sung, the Lord's Prayer repeated and a short sermon from a Padre.	
	26 Dec		Weather: morning - cold and frosty; afternoon - cold; evening - frost and brilliant moonlight. Work resumed this morning. Capt. Duncan and Capt. Rock went to Eindhoven this morning to call on Major Brereton at CREME's 79 Arm'd Div HQ. Discussed problem of obtaining and manufacturing (at Philips in Eindhoven) certain essential Rem pa ts. Contact was also made with ADOS, 79 Arm'd Div and Capt. Perrin, OC 1 Tk Bde Ord for obtaining certain "A" and "B" veh spares.	

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Tilburg NR 175321 's Hertogenbosch Sheet 5 Scale 1:100,000	27 Dec		Weather: morning - cold and clear; afternoon - cold; evening - heavy frost with brilliant moonlight and cold Shortly after midnight there was a general alarm. All IAD personnel were transported to the wksp ready for action if the occasion arose. Stand down from this alarm came within the hour when nothing materialized. All personnel returned to quarters. BEME (Major Easter) 31 Tk Bde visited IAD at 1030 hrs. and inspected some of the Regt's Ram APCs. He discussed problems and modifications with Capt. Duncan and Capt. Rook. Battery charged today. Ram special tools received today.	MS
	28 Dec		Weather: morning - heavy fog; afternoon - clear; evening - cloudy Change in weather overnight from heavy frost to a more moderate temperature caused fog to form and left streets and sidewalks in a treacherous condition. Traffic moved slowly all morning. Auth. received to SOS M-60080. L/Cpl. Edey, 33 IAD and TOS 123 IAD were immediately. One Ram APC completed 100 hr check. Capt. Duncan visited DDME Branch, First Cdn Army Hq and was asked to submit weekly personnel return direct to DDME Branch. Some special Ram tools and fitters kits received in afternoon on special indent. One 100 hr. check completed on a tank. Minor adjustments made to same tank.	MS
	29 Dec		Weather: morning - cold; afternoon - cold; evening - foggy. Five rear idler brackets welded on Kangaroos.	MS
	30 Dec		Weather: morning - cold; afternoon - cold and cloudy; evening - bright moonlight. Repairs completed on 3 tanks. Minor repairs carried out on one vehicle. Miscellaneous repair jobs completed. 110 .30 cal. MG mounts picked up today from 1 Adv Base Wksp with 18 still to come.	MS
	31 Dec		Weather: morning - cold; afternoon - cold; evening - bright moonlight. IAD personnel had day off.	MS

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OC 123 IAD
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Tilburg Sheet 5 's Hertogenbosch MR 175321 Scale: 1:100,000	1 Jan	45	Weather:- morning - cold and cloudy; afternoon - cold; evening - cold and clear New homelite installed in one tank today. Sherman V Armd Recovery Vehicle delivered to IAD today by A/Sgt. Meneice from 264 Corps Delivery Sqn.	
	2 Jan		Weather: morning - cold and cloudy; afternoon - cold and cloudy; evening - cloudy Miscellaneous repairs completed today on a m/c for "A" Sqn. Replaced complete transmission and distributor assembly on a Ford 60 cwt belonging to HQ. Alterations completed today on the MO's jeep to permit stretchers to be carried. Repairs completed on a Chev 15 cwt belonging to RHQ today. One engine and two radiators obtained from 3 Corps & Army Tps Sub Pk. Cfn. Ginson's completed Application for Permission to Marry forwarded today to Higher Authority. Repairs to Aerial m/c completed. Front spring hanger repaired and steering checked on RHQ Chev 15 cwt. A/Sgt. Hasted, Cfn. Falle and Cfn. Stevenson were involved in an accident with a jeep this afternoon. A/Sgt. Hasted has gone to hospital for observation of badly bruised legs. Speed at time of accident was very low. Jeep skidded on icy patch of road, hit soft shoulder and turned over on its side. No damage done to jeep.	
	3 Jan		Weather: morning - cloudy and cold; afternoon - cloudy; evening - windy and cold with some rain A Padre arrived this morning to interview the three IAD personnel wishing to get married. A Ram Radial engine received today from 3 Corps and Army Tps Sub Pk. Sherman V Armd Recovery Vehicle delivered to IAD from 269 Corps Del Sqn today by AQMS Tatham. Radiator and grill repaired on HQ HUP.	
	4 Jan		Weather: morning - cloudy, misty and cold; afternoon-cool with some rain - evening - clear Authority received this morning to pick up one rft at Ghent. AQMS Tatham has left for Ghent to pick up rft. Auth. also received to pick up a surplus welder from 1 Cdn Gen Tps Wksp, RCEME. AQMS Tatham returned from Ghent this evening with A-34947 Sgt. Headon, A.W. who was SOS this unit on adm to hosp wef 9 Dec 44. Triumph m/c BIRD to 1003 Wksp.	
	5 Jan		Weather: morning - frosty and cold; afternoon - cloudy; evening - cold AQMS Tatham left for Herenthals to pick up welder. The welder turned out to be a Cpl and it was decided to return him to 1 Cdn Gen Tps Wksp as there was no vacancy. AQMS Tatham returned to Herenthals with welder. It was discovered that he could not be returned as 2 Ech Circ Letter 254 authorizes the carrying of a Cpl surplus to WE in rank only. Cfn. Brunet sent to 2 COS with acute Infectious Hepatitis. The replacement of a complete engine and master cylinder assembly was completed today along with minor repairs on a Chev 15 cwt from RHQ. Straightened tailgate on RHQ Ford 60 cwt. Repaired radiator on RHQ Ford 60 cwt. Repaired two petrol cookers. Repaired two m/cs.	

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Tilburg Sheet 5 's Hertogenbosch MR 175321 Scale 1:100,000	45			
	6 Jan		Weather: morning - clear; afternoon - sunny; evening - cold Routine day. Tool kit inspection held. NNAFI canteen supplies and YMCA supplies recd during the afternoon. Repairs completed today on 3 hydra burners, also on 1 paraffin burning stove.	
	7 Jan		Weather: morning - cloudy and cool; afternoon - sky very overcast and raining; evening - cold and cloudy with snow IAD personnel worked today. Sgt. Headon and Pte. Aylesworth proceeded on 48 hrs leave to Brussels this morning. Initial check completed on a Matchless, solo, light m/c from RHQ. Order came through for movement of 2 tps of "B" Sqn at 0030 hrs for action and personnel of the IAD - 4 fitters, 1 electrician, 2 Dvr Mechanics and A.Q.M.S. Tatham. They moved off at 0300 hrs taking some spare parts and the necessary tools for quick repairs. The vehicles were 1 jeep, one 15 cwt and Scammel Bkdn. Work started at 0900 hrs on 1 tank, 2 fords, 15 cwt. Minor repairs in Welding and Bench fitting shops.	
	8 Jan		Weather:- morning - cold and cloudy with a heavy snowfall; afternoon - cold and cloudy with a heavy fall of snow; evening - cold and cloudy Shop quiet this morning. War Diary for December despatched today. Release authority received today for a Truck, 15 cwt, 4x4 Armd for this IAD. Roads in a very slushy condition. Capt. Duncan accompanied Capt Rook (Tech Adjnt) to the area of Wanssum Wood on the Mause River to the scene of "B" Sqn action. They departed about 1700 hrs arriving at "B" Sqn "A" Ech, Venray, about 1300 hrs. They then went on a recce up to Wanssum Woods in a scout car to determine the amount of repair and recovery required on the seven (7) Rams that had hit mines. The area was about 800 yds from enemy lines and was quite quiet. All seven tanks required suspension repairs and fairly heavy recovery. Capt. Duncan and Capt. Rook instructed to attend meeting with Capt. Payne, REME to arrange for any aid required in repairs and Recovery.	
	9 Jan		Weather: morning - cold; afternoon - cold; evening - cold Routine day. Dvr from RHQ took auth. for release of 1 truck, 15 cwt, armd to 3 Corps & Army Tps Ord Sub Pk with him to pick up same veh. He was informed to return tomorrow as no veh of that type was in Pk today. Capt. Duncan has not returned yet. Capt. Duncan and Capt. Rook attended meeting with Capt. Payne and were informed that lanes were being cleared to aid in recovery. It was also found that it was necessary to move recovery equipment up to area from a direction due south of Wanssum.Wood to avoid enemy detection. A recovery and repair crew	

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Tilburg Sheet 5 's Hertogenbosch MR 175321 Scale 1:100,000	9 Jan	(cont'd)	from 123 IAD went to area at 1330 hrs with 15 cwt and Scammell Bkdn and commenced work. Toward dusk a slight mist developed and around 1800 hrs the enemy laid down a slight mortar fire in the area. Around 2300 hrs. more enemy mortar fire was laid down on either side of the road on which the recovery crew was working. By this time 4 Rams were repaired and at 0030 hrs. the 4 Rams and the crews went back to Venray for the night. A rum issue was given to all the men.	
	10 Jan		Weather: morning - cloudy and cool; afternoon - cold; evening - cold with frost IAD warned that we may be moving tomorrow morning. Capt. Duncan has not returned yet. with the eight IAD personnel. Weather: clear and cold At 0900 hrs. Capt. Duncan and Capt. Rook made a recce of the situation and found visibility (and therefore enemy observation from the church tower across the Mause about 300 yds away) was too good. However around 1030 hrs a heavy fog rolled in and work commenced again at 1130 hrs on the 3 remaining Rams. By 1600 hrs, 2 were finished and work had started on the third and worst. A 4 to 1 ratio during winching operations was found necessary and some tackle was broken. The Ram was winched out of the mine field and down onto the road. Here the tank got badly stuck and owing to lack of equipment it was decided to leave it for heavy recovery. Work stopped at 2300 hrs and the 2 Rams were driven back to Venray.	
	11 Jan		Weather: morning - cold and frosty; afternoon - frosty; evening - frosty IAD prepared for move this morning. Vehicles were loaded before dinner time and personnel took balance of morning to pack up kit. Personal kit put on vehicles early in afternoon. Delay in moving off was encountered. It was decided to pull out at four after a sandwich and a cup of tea for everyone. Convoy moved off after 4:30 p.m. in charge of S/Sgt. Murray. Some slight delay was caused owing to trouble with one vehicle. Darkness had fallen by this time. IAD convoy again proceeded and caught up the Regt1 convoy at Eindhoven where it was waiting. At a little after nine, convoy was halted because of an accident on a bridge, which blocked progress for half an hour. Convoy proceeded again and except for one more stop arrived at destination at app. 5:15 a.m., 12 Jan. Weather: clear and cold It was deemed advisable to proceed back to HQ at Tilburg immediately so the 6 tanks were convoyed back at approx. 1000 hrs by AQMS Tatham. Two were to be dropped in Eindhoven at wkaps for heavier repairs.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, refer to Appendices initials
Tilburg Sheet 5 's Hertogenbosch MR 175321 Scale 1:100,000 Main body of IAD at Waterscheide Sheet K MR 4469 Other part of IAD at Tilburg, MR 175321	11 Jan	(cont'd)	The remainder of the party under Capt. Duncan went up to Wanssum Woods and collected any loose equipment from the tanks and took back borrowed equipment to wksp. They then returned to Tilburg arriving at 1800 hrs and found that the Regt and IAD had moved south at 1700 hrs to Waterscheide in preparation for action.	
	12 Jan		Weather: morning - some sleet; afternoon - moderating, snow melting; evening - cold Early breakfast was served to IAD and Regt personnel coming in early this morning. Work went on as usual. Two tanks were examined - one pronounced fit for service and the other also provided that a new engine was installed. Capt. Rook located a building suitable for repairing of tanks. Engine is being installed with personnel working on shifts all day today and tonight to complete the installation. Capt. Duncan, AQMS Tatham and crew started to clean up Tilburg shop. Unserviceable major assemblies were returned to RSD near Turnhout. It was also necessary to finish repairs to a GMC 6x6 lorry.	
	13 Jan		Weather: morning - cold and cloudy; afternoon - cold and sunny; evening - cold and clear Installation of engine completed in tank this morning. Three IAD personnel namely Cpl. Heil, Cfn. Bryenton and Cfn. Griffith left with Tech Adj't for a place just outside Maastricht at 1300 hrs. Capt. Duncan reported as being in Tilburg. Repairs continued on 6x6 lorry and more unserviceable parts taken to salvage. A Report came in from TAC HQ at Waterscheide that Capt. Duncan urgently required down there. Preparations were made for move. In afternoon, at 1315 hrs, IAD 15 cwt driven by Cfn. MacAskill involved in an accident with a HUP of Cdn Sec 1 Ech HQ 21 A Gp on the Turnhout - Tilburg road. Capt. Duncan who was riding in co-driver's seat suffered slight abrasions to forehead. Driver of other veh, Capt. S.C. Riggs, was also injured. Both were taken to 2 Cdn CCS and Capt. Duncan was allowed to return to unit after attention. 15 cwt only slightly damaged and was driven to unit. Capt. Riggs was detained for attention.	
	14 Jan		Weather: morning - quite cold and frosty; afternoon - sunny and cold; evening cold Sunday morning - work will be proceeding again this morning on the new tank engine which is giving so much trouble. Work on the tank went on hearly all last night again. Tank taken out for a test run this morning and found satisfactory. As a result, it is being taken up to the front by S/Sgt. Murray Cfn. Barnes. The Tech Adj't took the other tank to the front this morning. Some IAD personnel spent a while this afternoon bringing in beds to the hut and tidying up a bit. The first leaves to the UK for the IAD went to Cfn. Hayward and Cfn. Falle. The two will be leaving today. Cfn. Griffith will be going today when he returns from the front. Capt. Duncan and the 8 IAD personnel from the Nijmegen front arrived late this evening.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, reference to Appendices initials
Entire IAD now at Waterscheide Sheet K MR 4469	15 Jan	45	Weather: morning - very cold; afternoon - cold with some fog; evening - cold Heavy hoar frost last night. Capt. Duncan and S/Sgt. Murray went to visit one of the Sqns this morning. NAAFI canteen supplies received this morning also. Orders were received to move to a new location in Sittard. Capt. Duncan	
	16 Jan		Weather - cold and clear The IAD convoy got under way at 0330 hrs. Route was Waterscheide, Asch, Berg Bridge, Geleen to Sittard. Permission was received from the Provost Corps to proceed across the bridge at Berg although it was necessary to break the convoy into 3 packets, of 6 vehs. Convoy arrived without incident at Sittard around 0600 hrs. Capt. Duncan located a building adjacent to brickyard which was suitable for a shop. Permission was obtained for its use from the Burgomeister and the remainder of the day was employed in cleaning it out.	
Sittard North Bridge near brickyard	17 Jan		Weather - Mild with rain Rain in the early morning left the roads in a very icy condition. Cfn. Griffith and L/Cpl. Tyers left on 9 days leave to UK commencing on 18 Jan. Repairs were started to IAD 5 cwt and 15 cwt. Both required new engines owing to excessive use of oil.	
	18 Jan		Weather - Mild AQMS Tatham, Sgt. Meneice and Cfn. McHenry went to Tilburg in a 60 cwt to pick up spare parts. A party of fitters went out with Capt. Duncan and S/Sgt. Murray to carry out minor repairs to "B" Sqn carriers which were out of action for a short time.	
	19 Jan		Weather - Mild Cfn. Salomka and Cfn. Ginson left for leave to UK commencing 20 Jan. Minor repairs being carried out to an "A" Sqn carrier. Work progressing on 5 cwt. Held up for parts on 15 cwt. In afternoon, Capt. Duncan and Capt Rook searched area of Bekenhoven for a ditched carrier but could not find it. Another ditched carrier at Dietsen recovered and brought in for repairs.	
	20 Jan		Weather - Colder with snow Capt. Duncan, AQMS Murray and a crew of fitters went out to recover and repair a carrier which had hit a mine north of Gangelt. Repairs successfully carried out. AQMS Tatham and Sgt. Edey went to Waterscheide for parts. Three 100 hr checks being carried out to the carriers.	

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Sittard North Bridge near Brickyard	20 Jan		Weather - cold with snow Capt. Duncan and AQMS Murray and a crew of fitters went out to recovery and repair a carrier which had hit a mine north of Gangelt. Repairs successfully carried out. AQMS Tatham and Sgt. Edey went to Waterscheide for parts. Three 100 hr checks being carried out to three carriers.	
	21 Jan		Weather - Cold and clear Three inch snowfall overnight. IAD was informed that RHQ (TAC) was moving to area of Schinveld later in day (afterwards postponed). Cpl. Banks left for leave to UK commencing 22 Jan. Work going well on the three 100 hr checks.	
	22 Jan		Weather - Cold and clear Three carriers were passed to 49 APC wksps as IAD was unable to handle further work at the time. Ford 15 cwt engine recd today and the 15 cwt repairs completed. Capt. Duncan and Capt. Rook with AQMS Murray recovered 2 more carriers in Koningsbosch.	
	23 Jan		Weather - Routine day.	
	24 Jan		Weather - Cold and clear Capt. Duncan and a crew went out to Koningsbosch to remove the engines from 2 carriers which had been hit with 88 mm and burned up. Only one engine was useful for parts. Two tanks were sent to wksps. Work was started on replacing the clutch in the MOs half-track.	
	25 Jan		Weather - cold and cloudy A Muster Roll was held. Capt. Duncan and Capt. Rook went out to look over carrier casualties and arrange recovery. One ditched tank recovered at Weidler. Three tanks on a minefield at Schierwaldenwrath examined -- 2 Y and one 2 casualties. Recovery of Y casualties to be carried out on the 26th. Capt. Duncan and recovery crew recovered another badly ditched tank at Weidler in the late evening.	
	26 Jan		Weather - cold and cloudy New radial engine being checked and accessories fitted today. A 100 hr check on tank in process today.	

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Sittard North Bridge Near brickyard	27 Jan		Weather - cold with rain Two engines BIRD. Orders received for IAD to move tomorrow. Vehicles all loaded tonight and arrangements made to pull out at 6:30 a.m.	
	28 Jan		Weather - cold IAD pulled out early this morning with Waterscheide as first destination. Arrived without incident. It was learned there that our destination would be Esch. IAD convoy arrived late in afternoon at Esch. It was then found from 30 Bde HQ at Esch that move had been postponed indefinitely and IAD was instructed to return to Waterscheide. It was decided to stay overnight. Personnel had difficult time finding lodgings as town was full of English soldiers who had come in recently. Cfn. McHenry, driver of a 60 cwt, was discovered to be missing late in afternoon when convoy had made its final half. Two tanks were recovered today by AQMS Murray and crew.	
	29 Jan		Weather - cold and cloudy very early in day; cleared up shortly afterwards Cfn. McHenry and the 60 cwt still missing when convoy pulled out to return to Waterscheide. Weather favourable for driving. Arrived in Waterscheide to find that we had to go to different quarters just outside Waterscheide. Regt and RHQ at this location also.	
	30 Jan		Weather - mild with rain. Monthly Census completed today and despatched. IAD preparing to move tomorrow to Hasselt.	
	31 Jan		Weather:- morning - moderate with some rain; afternoon - moderate and raining, snow; evening - moderate IAD moved off to new location in Hasselt right after dinner. Cfn. McHenry, dvr of the lost 60 cwt, turned up in the morning in time to join the convoy. Convoy stopped outside town while AQMS Murray went into the town to complete arrangements with the Town Major for a shop and billets. Convoy pulled into shop late in afternoon and immediately began unloading. Shop required cleaning up before it could be used. Cleaning up done this evening.	

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OC 123 IAD
att 1 Cdn Armd Pers Carrier Regt

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Hasselt Brussels-Liege Sheet Scale: 1:250,000 MR: 310150	1945			
	1 Feb		Weather: Cloudy all day Seventh tank brought this afternoon by transporter. Work proceeding on all six tanks now in shop simultaneously. It was decided that personnel would work from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Time limit on work is three days.	MG
	2 Feb		Weather: Morning - cloudy and damp; afternoon - moderate and sunny; evening - cloudy and moderate Work proceeding on tanks. Personnel stopped work at 6 p.m. tonight to attend an ENSA show, seats for which were obtained by the Town Major. Good progress made on tanks.	MG
	3 Feb		Weather: Morning - cloudy and damp; afternoon - sunny; evening - moderate Six old radial engines returned to RSD at Mol today. BEME, 31 Arm'd Bde called to see Capt. Duncan today. Six tanks completed by 1400 hrs. Last tank was completed by 2000 hrs and proceeded on transporter to Valkenswaard to the Sqn.	MG
	4 Feb		Weather: Morning - steady rain; afternoon - rain; evening - cloudy Workshop cleaned up this morning. IAD moved off to new location in Luyksgestel at 1100 hrs. Convoy stopped overnight in Valkenswaard as night travel was forbidden on road.	MG
	5 Feb		Weather: morning - steady rain; afternoon - rain; evening - cloudy AQMS Murray, Sgt. Heil, Cpl. Banks, L/Cpl. Ryan, 3 Cfn Dvr Mechs, 4 Veh Mechs (AFV and MV), 2 welders 1 Cfn Elect, 1 GD and 1 Storeman - 16 in all - were the personnel making up "A" Sqn of IAD which was sent for attachment to "A" Sqn for Ops. Capt. Duncan went to RHQ to make arrangements for the splitting of the IAD. A/Sgt. Meneice, A/Cpl. Millar and Cfn. Stevenson left IAD to proceed on 9 days leave in UK commencing 7 Feb 45. "B" Sqn of IAD proceeded to Luyksgestel under AQMS Tatham.	MG
			<u>"A" Sqn, IAD</u> The following IAD personnel: 1 WO, 1 Sgt, 1 Cpl, 1 L/Cpl, 4 Veh Mechs, 1 Elects, 2 Welders, 3 Dvr Mechs, 1 GD and 1 Storeman left for Nijmegen to service "A" Sqn's tanks. Personnel stayed at Eindhoven for the night.	MG

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"B" Sqn IAD Maeseyck Sheet Luyksgestel MR 320015	6 Feb		"B" Sqn IAD Weather: morning - moderate, clouds breaking; afternoon - cloudy; evening - cloudy NAAFI canteen supplies received and sold today. Routine day.	MS
"A" Sqn IAD Nijmegen Sheet Nijmegen East MR 703620	7 Feb		"A" Sqn IAD IAD personnel moved on to Nijmegen at 0400 hrs. Arrived at 1200 hrs. IAD personnel took over billets and part of a workshop from 1836 PASC and started work on 2 tanks of "A" Sqn. "B" Sqn IAD Weather: morning - cloudy and cool; afternoon - rainy; evening - clear Hydra burner repaired this morning. One tank brought in this morning requiring replacement of engine.	MS MS
	8 Feb		"A" Sqn IAD Welding of rear idlers on 4 tanks carried out today. Welding on 6 tow bars for 6 pairs carried out. Jeep sent to RHQ at 's Hertogenbosch for rations and parts. Two Sgts and 2 Cfn arrived as ARV crew personnel. "B" Sqn IAD Weather: morning - cloudy; afternoon - cloudy and cooler; evening - cloudy and cool Capt. Duncan stopped off at RHQ en route to Nijmegen to join "A" Sqn and "A" Sqn of IAD for a short period.	MS MS
	9 Feb		"A" Sqn IAD Work commenced on 3 tanks requiring welding repairs on muffler brackets and rear idlers. Orders came through for "A" Sqn to go into action and convoy moved off at 2145 hrs. OC of IAD and WO II went with Regt in Armd 15 cwt. "B" Sqn IAD Weather: morning - cloudy and raining; afternoon - cloudy and raining; evening - clear Sgt. Edey picked up parts at RHQ and Eindhoven today. Clerk informed today at RHQ that four ROEME personnel - 2 Sgts and 2 Cfn - had arrived and under direction of the Adjt will be shown as attached to IAD. Roads out of Luyksgestel in bad condition - one impassable. Miscellaneous welding jobs carried out on "B" Sqn's tanks. "A" Sqn IAD 15 cwt Armd was badly damaged at 0400 hrs - no one hurt. ARVs were used to recover 2 tanks. Three ORs were buried by recovery crews. HQ for recovery was at Krannenburg. Two tanks out of action - one had clutch trouble and the other engine failure. Both back into action by 1800 hrs.	MS MS MS

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Krannenburg
MR 809561

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Unit 123 IAD (att 1 Cdn Armd Pers Carrier Regt)

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Place	Date	Hour		
"B" Sqn IAD	1945			
Maeseyck Sheet	10 Feb		"B" Sqn IAD Weather: morning - driving steady rain; afternoon - cloudy; evening - cloudy Miscellaneous welding jobs carried out on "B" Sqn's tanks.	MG
Luyksgestel				
MR 320015				
Sheet 4202/1			"A" Sqn IAD One ARV went up to Sqn. Inspection on tanks carried out. Several needed repairs. No recovery done.	MG
Krammenburg				
MR 809561				
	11 Feb		"B" Sqn IAD Weather: morning - cool; afternoon - cool and cloudy; evening - cool and raining Permission was obtained from HQ "B" Sqn to send a Liberty truck to Tilburg in the afternoon.	MG
			"A" Sqn IAD of IAD Cfn. Wilson left "A" Sqn to proceed on 9 days leave in UK wef 15 Feb to 24 Feb. Water level on road rising and several are impassable. Attempts were made to recover Armd 15 cwt with no success. Two tanks sent to Wisp from Krammenburg. Scammell bkdn was brought forward at 0100 hrs from Nijmegen. Water too deep for jeeps.	MG
	12 Feb		"B" Sqn IAD Weather: morning - cloudy and raining; afternoon - cloudy and raining; evening - cloudy and raining Cfn. Compton left "B" Sqn of IAD to proceed on 9 days leave in UK from 14 Feb to 23 Feb. Miscellaneous welding jobs carried out on "B" Sqn's tanks.	MG
			"A" Sqn IAD Water still rising at Krammenburg. Scammell used for 5 hrs to keep vehicles in convoys from stopping in water. ARVs were moved to Cleve. Recce carried out by OC and WO for billets. Search begun by OC and WO to locate Tech Adjt and continued until 0400 hrs. Shelled for 30 mins from 1430 hrs to 1500 hrs. No one hurt.	MG

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
"B" Sqn IAD Maeseyck Sheet Luyksgestel MR 320015	1945 13 Feb		"B" Sqn IAD Weather: morning - cloudy and raining; afternoon - cloudy and raining; evening - cloudy and raining YMCA canteen supplies received today. Capt. Duncan ret'd to "B" Sqn of IAD here at Luyksgestel prior to his leaving on 9 days leave in UK. Capt. Duncan made necessary arrangements so that IAD could carry on during his absence. Some IAD personnel came down overnight from Nijmegen namely - A/Sgt. Heil, Cfn. Griffith and Cfn. Conway to pick up equipment. OC IAD went to report to RHQ for his leave in UK.	
Sheet 4202/1 Krammenburg MR 809561			"A" Sqn IAD Arrangements were made for more of IAD equipment to be brought forward. One tank recovered and 3 tanks repaired by WO and recovery crews.	
	14 Feb		"B" Sqn IAD Weather: morning - clearing clouds, moderate; afternoon - moderate and sunny; evening - cool Capt. Duncan left this morning to proceed on 9 days leave in UK wef 18 Feb to 25 Feb leaving AQMS Tatham in charge of "B" Sec, IAD and AQMS. Murray in charge of "A" Sec, IAD. Two more personnel of "B" Sqn, IAD - namely Cfn. Bryenton and A/Sgt. Edey went to Nijmegen to join "A" Sqn of the IAD, taking with them the Ward la France bkdn and two stores lorries. Miscellaneous welding jobs carried out on "B" Sqn's tanks. AQMS. Tatham went to CREME First Cdn Army at Herenthals re SOS and re-trade testing of D-81781 Cpl. Ireland, W. and also to pick up MV and AFV spare parts at Eindhoven and Tilburg.	
			"A" Sqn IAD Three tanks recovered by IAD. One with the Scammell and two by ARVs. Water very deep on roads between Krammenburg and Nijmegen. Depth about 2 ft, 6 ins. Two tanks were repaired by ARV crews and WO.	

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"B" Sec IAD Maeseyck Sheet Luyksgestel MR 320015	1945 15 Feb		<u>"B" Sqn IAD</u> Weather: morning - mist, cool and cloudy; afternoon - cool and cloudy; evening - cooler Miscellaneous welding jobs carried out on "B" Sqn's tanks. Repairs being carried out on Capt. Duncan's jeep. A.Q.M.S. Tatham returned late this afternoon with spare parts picked up at Eindhoven and Tilburg.	N.G.
Sheet 4202/1 Kramenburg MR 809561			<u>"A" Sqn IAD</u> Repaired two tanks. No recovery done. Work carried out on repairing of two other tanks. Weather clear.	N.G.
	16 Feb		<u>"B" Sqn IAD</u> Weather: morning - fog, cool and sunny; afternoon - cool; evening - clear with moonlight. Routine day. Miscellaneous welding jobs completed during morning and evening.	N.G.
			<u>"A" Sqn IAD</u> "A" Sqn of IAD moved to Cleve. IAD fitters worked repairing tanks. Two tanks completed and third almost completed. "A" Sqn of IAD billeted in two houses. Shelled for 30 mins from 1400 hrs. to 1500 hrs. One man from Regt injured.	N.G.
	17 Feb		<u>"B" Sqn IAD</u> Weather: morning - cloudy and cool; afternoon - cloudy and cool; evening - cloudy "B" Sqn, IAD received orders to move at 1430 hrs today. Morning spent packing up. Three M.C.s. BIRD today. "B" Sqn, IAD convoy moved off from Luyksgestel at 1430 p.m. Arrangements were for "B" Sqn, IAD convoy to catch up "B" Sqn's, (Regt) convoy at Valkenswaard. This was done and both convoys moved off shortly after 1500 hrs without trouble. Arrangements had been made for convoy to be picked up by a guide at Graves who would take us to our new destination - unknown to us. Convoy stopped outside Nijmegen.	N.G.

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Sheet 4202/1 "A" Sqn IAD Kranenburg MR 809561	17th cont'd "A" Sqn IAD AQMS Murray with recovery crew went out to recover burnt out tank. Cfn. Hayward went to hosp today. Cfn. Conway's leave in UK begins today - the 17th.	17th. <i>MG</i>
"B" Sqn IAD Nijmegen Sheet East Sheet 6 SW MR 733609	18 Feb "B" Sqn IAD Weather: morning - cool and cloudy; afternoon - cool and cloudy; evening - foggy L/Cpl. McKerral, L/Cpl. Gillespie, a Sqn fitter and Cfn. Phinney left Nijmegen area in unit jeep bound for 'S Hertogenbosch and Bindhoven. Cfn. Phinney was taken to RHQ in 'S Hertogenbosch to proceed on UK leave wef 21 Feb to 2 Mar. Remainder of party continued on to Bindhoven to bring back two Kangaroos. One Kangaroo was in need of repairs and was left at wksp - the other was brought back to Nijmegen. In Nijmegen, the engine failed and after examination it was decided to leave it there in care of the crew until morning.	<i>MG</i>
	19 Feb "A" Sqn IAD Weather: morning - foggy and cool; cloudy; afternoon - cool and cloudy; evening - cool and cloudy Very early in the morning, orders were received for "B" Sqn of IAD and "B" Sqn of the Regt to move to Cleve, in Germany. Cleve Sheet, Scale 1:25,000 MR 884548. Convoy arrived just at first light. "A" Sqn of IAD was located here and "A" and "B" Sects joined up. Sgt. Headon, L/Cpl. Miron and L/Cpl. McKerral ret'd to Nijmegen to pick up two tanks left behind while under repair. Ford radiator received from Tech Stores today. Part of RHQ, Tech Stores and QM moved up today and are situated quite close to IAD. One ARV sent out to recover 2 tanks. ARV ret'd at 1500 hrs.	<i>MG</i>
Entire IAD now at Cleve Cleve Sheet 1:25,000 MR 884548	20 Feb Weather: morning - slight rain, cloudy; afternoon - cloudy and raining, evening - clear with moonlight. Routine day. IAD informed that it would be moving to a new location tomorrow. Calcar Sheet, Scale 1:25,000, MR 927543. Morning spent recce-ing tanks that were knocked out on the Calcar front. Shell and mortar fire was very heavy.	<i>MG</i>

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Cleve Sheet Scale 1:25,000 MR 88548	20 Feb		No casualties. Balance of day spent reconnoitering for location for IAD. Work continued on 2 tanks. TAC HQ moved out tonight to new location.
	21 Feb		Weather: morning - cloudy; afternoon - sunshine and moderate; evening - clear with bright moonlight. IAD convoy moved off from Cleve after breakfast en route to new location. Calcar Sheet, Scale 1:25,000, MR 927543. Convoy arrived before dinnertime and work was begun to set up IAD's vehicle for operation. Quarters were obtained in adjoining farmhouses. Cfn. Bryenton left today to proceed on 9 days leave in UK wef 24 Feb 45 to 5 Mar 45. One tank repaired and ret'd for action to Sqn.
Calcar Sheet Scale 1:25,000 MR 927543	22 Feb		Weather: morning - sunshine; afternoon - sunshine; evening - clear AQM's Tatham took Cpl. Ireland to 4 Armd Tps Wksp for re trade test as Electric Welder. Visited by BEME of 30 Armd Bde who was well satisfied with work done by IAD. Two 3rd Echelon repairs were inspected by BEME. 30 Armd Bde and passed. Four other tanks completed. Part X Order passed today striking off unit's charge the GMC truck, 15 cwt, Armd which is damaged beyond repair. Cfn. Hayward ret'd from hosp today.
	23 Feb		Weather: morning - cloudy, some rain; afternoon - cloudy; evening - cloudy Sgt. Headon and L/Cpl. McKerral left this morning to proceed on 9 days leave in UK commencing on 25 Feb. Seven tanks came in today requiring miscellaneous repairs. NAAFI supplies rec'd today. Repairs completed on five of the seven tanks today. Three copies of War Diary for September despatched today.

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Calcar Sheet Scale 1:25,000 MR: 927543	1945			
	24 Feb		Weather: morning - clear; afternoon - partly cloudy; evening - clear with bright moonlight Eleven tanks in for repairs today - repairs finished on all except one. Repairs on three hydra burners belonging to Regt completed and ret'd today. One picked up for repairs. AQMS Tatham ret'd from 4 Arm'd Tps Wksp after leaving Cpl. Ireland there for his re trade test. Cpl. Ireland will be picked up by unit on completion of his re trade test. Recovery of 1 ARV was completed at 2300 hrs. Two catipillars were borrowed from RCE. Twelve towing bars welded on 5 tanks. Repairs completed on 5 other tanks.	7/2
	25 Feb		Weather: morning - cool and windy; afternoon - cool and windy; evening - cool and windy AQMS Tatham and Cfn. MacAskill, driving a unit 15 cwt, went to Brussels and Eindhoven to pick up spare parts today. Cfn. Nelson left unit today to proceed on 9 days leave in UK wef 27 Feb to 8 Mar.	7/2
	26 Feb		Weather: morning - cool with slight wind; afternoon - partly cloudy; evening - moonlight IAD went on Bath Parade this morning. 2nd Ech teleprint authority rec'd today authorizing the att of Sgt. Darby, Sgt. Kinvig, Cfn. Irvine and Cfn. McSween to IAD wef date of TOS to Regt, viz, 5 Feb 45. Muster Roll held this morning. Repairs made to Colonel's HUP. ARV ret'd today. The other ARV was recovered and brought in for repairs.	7/2
	27 Feb		Weather: morning - cool; afternoon - cool; evening - moderate with bright moonlight Capt. Duncan, OC, ret'd from leave in UK this afternoon. AQMS Tatham and Cfn. MacAskill ret'd from trip bringing back Cpl. Ireland from re trade test and sup;lies. ARV crews, Tech Adjts dvr and all tank crews went on Bath Parade. Tech Adj't and AQMS Murray rec'd damaged tanks, - 5 were found, 2 were recovered. One tank recovered from FDL.	7/2
	28 Feb		Weather: morning partially cloudy; afternoon - cloudy; evening - cloudy and cool Monthly Census completed today and despatched. Three MCs, one radial engine BLRD today. Capt. Duncan visited BEME of 30 Arm'd Bde, regarding recovery programme and wksp facilities. Repairs completed on 2 tanks and repairs started on 4 more.	7/2

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Calcar Sheet Scale 1:25,000 MR 927543	1945			
	1 Mar		Weather: morning - cloudy and cool, raining; afternoon cloudy and cool; evening - bright moonlight AQMS Tatham ret'd today from Eindhoven, Tilburg and Turnhout bringing with him "B" Vehicle FAMTO and Chrysler engine. Repairs completed on 4 tanks. ARV sent out to Assembly Area to do recovery work.	
	2 Mar		Weather: morning - clear and cool; afternoon - cloudy and cool, hail; evening - cold and cloudy Capt. Duncan and AQMS Murray made arrangements with 2 Armd Bde to repair ARV. Recce made of tank in preparation for recovery. Spare parts picked up at RHQ. ARV taken to 2 Armd Bde with the engine required for replacement. A truckload of unserviceable parts prepared for despatch to RSD. Installation of new engine completed today in tank.	
	3 Mar		Weather: morning - cool and sunny; afternoon - cloudy and cool; evening - cloudy and cool Shells dropping at short intervals in nearby areas. An engine was recovered from a tank burned out by the Germans. Work carried out on 2 "B" Vehs and 2 tanks. AQMS Tatham took unserviceable parts to RSD, BIRD radial engine at Turnhout, BIRD unit mo for repairs at Eindhoven and picked up spare parts and radial engine at Eindhoven. A rum issue was distributed in evening. OC IAD visited TAC HQ and RHQ.	
	4 Mar		Weather: morning - cloudy and raining; afternoon - cloudy and raining; evening - cloudy and cool Cpl. Ireland admitted to 4 Cdn FDS today with infected mouth. AQMS Tatham ret'd this evening bringing a radial engine and spare parts from Eindhoven. 100 hr inspections completed on 2 engines.	
	5 Mar		Weather: morning - cloudy with rain and hail, some fog; afternoon-cloudy with rain; evening - cloudy with rain Shells dropping at short intervals. Chev 60 cwt brought in for installation of new clutch. Two engines removed from tanks and two engines on which 100 hr inspections were completed yesterday were installed in their place at Kaplen in Sqdn area.	
	6 Mar		Weather: morning - cloudy and cool; afternoon - cloudy with rain; evening - cloudy and cool BEME, 30 Armd Bde visited Capt Duncan this afternoon to check up on location of knocked out tanks. Engine exchanged in one tank and 2 clutches repaired at Udem in Sqdn area. Two tanks were inspected at Hookwald Forest - one was repairable and the other was beyond repair.	

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Calcar Sheet Scale 1:25,000 MR 927543	1945 7 Mar		Weather: morning - cloudy and cool; afternoon - sunshine; evening-cloudy and cool IAD personnel went on Bath Parade this morning. Spare Parts picked up at RHQ today. Cfn. Foxwell left IAD today to proceed on UK Leave wef 9 Mar to 18 Mar. Rum issue to all ranks tonight. Repairs carried out on repairable tank in Hockwald Forest. Rear-axle welded on three tanks in Hockwald Forest. Repairs completed on Humber Scout car.	
	8 Mar		Weather: morning - cloudy and cool; afternoon - cloudy; evening - clear Installation of new clutch completed on unit Chev 60 cwt this morning. Cfn. Macaskill and Cfn. Hall left unit today to proceed on 9 days leave in UK wef 10 Mar to 19 Mar. Capt. Duncan and AQMS. Murray recovered 1 tank and reced another.	
	9 Mar		Weather: morning - cloudy; afternoon - sunshine; evening - cloudy AQMS Tatham and L/Cpl. Ryan left unit today to proceed on 9 days leave in UK wef 11 Mar to 20 Mar. Shells dropping at short intervals. Salvage loaded for return to RSD. Humber Scout car repaired. Capt. Duncan and AQMS. Murray went to RHQ to find out our new location.	
	10 Mar		Weather: morning - cloudy and cool with some rain; afternoon - some sunshine; evening - cool and cloudy A/Sgt. Edey took radial engine, two transmissions and fly wheel to RSD at Eindhoven. Recce party consisting of AQMS. Murray, Cpl. Banks and L/Cpl. Miron went to Hapert to locate suitable wksp and billets. Shells dropping at short intervals in area. A/Sgt. Edey ret'd with spare parts from Eindhoven.	
	11 Mar		Weather: morning - cloudy and cool; afternoon - cloudy; evening - cloudy Cleve and surrounding area shelled all through the night. IAD preparing to move today to new location at Hapert.	
	12 Mar		Weather: morning - cloudy and moderate; afternoon - cloudy; evening - cloudy IAD convoy moved off to new location in morning at 1000 hrs at Hapert and arrived without incident at 1500 hrs. Vehicles unloaded and IAD set up for operation tonight.	
Belg & NE France Scale 1:100,000 Part of GSGS 4336 Sheet 4 MR 273109 Hapert	13 Mar		Weather: morning - cloudy and moderate; afternoon - warm, some sunshine; evening-clear and cool A jeep, Humber scout car and Ariel MC BIRD today. Two hydra burners repaired today. Repairs carried out on a 60 cwt belonging to "A" Sqn. Repairs being carried out on 60 cwt belonging to RHQ and on a HUW. Repairs being carried out on a 60 cwt belonging to "B" Sqn. Two 100 hr checks being carried out today. Permission was obtained from RHQ for Liberty truck to go to Tilburg tonight. A/Sgt. Edey picked up spare parts at Eindhoven today. Portable petrol stove repaired today.	

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Belg & NE France Scale 1:100,000 Part of GSGS 4336 Sheet 4 MR 273109 Hapert	1945			
	14 Mar		Weather: morning - moderate; afternoon - warm with sunshine; evening - clear and cool Repairs completed on 2 jeeps today. Humber Scout car, Sherman ARV belonging to IAD, International half track, 2 hydra burners sent to wksp today. Permission for Liberty truck to go to Tilburg was obtained this evening from RHQ. Repairs completed today on 3 jeeps, one 60 cwt. Repairs commenced today on a 60 cwt.	
	15 Mar		Weather: morning - moderate and clear; afternoon - warm and sunny; evening - cool with heavy fog Two 100 hr checks completed. Repairs completed today on 2 mcs, one jeep and a portable burner. Sgt. Edey picked up spare parts at Eindhoven today.	
	16 Mar		Weather: morning - cool and cloudy; afternoon - cool and cloudy; evening - cool Repairs completed today on two 60 cwts, a HUW, welding repairs completed on a tank, a jeep, one mc repairs completed on another tank and a 15 cwt.	
	17 Mar		Weather: morning - cool and cloudy; afternoon - cool and cloudy; evening - cool and clear Repairs completed today on a 15 cwt water wagon, one HUP, a 60 cwt, a tank. One 100 hr check completed today on another tank.	
	18 Mar		Weather: morning - cool and cloudy; afternoon - cool; evening - cool L/Cpl. Gillespie left IAD this morning to proceed on UK leave wef 19 Mar to 28 Mar. Repairs commenced today on 2 Ford 15 cwts and a Chev HUP, two 60 cwts, a jeep, a Scout car and two tanks. Repairs were completed today on the jeep, Scout car, both 60 cwts and the two tanks. In the afternoon Sgt. Kinvig, Sgt. Heil and Cfn. Griffith were given permission to go to 4 Odn Armd Tps Wksp in Eindhoven to see about their trade test on the following day. At approx. 1700 hrs. they reported to Capt. Duncan that their vehicle, a car 5 cwt, had been stolen from a car park in Eindhoven where they had immobilized and left it for no longer than 15 mins. They had taken this to be an official car park owing to the signs and provost on duty there. Capt. Duncan went to Eindhoven to investigate and give further particulars to the Military Police HQ. On two occasions while asking for the location from the Provost Corps off the Official Town Car Park, he was directed to the one from which the vehicle was stolen. No trace could be found of the vehicle.	

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Belg & NE France Scale 1:100,000 Part of GSGS 4336 Sheet 4 MR 873109 Hapert	19 Mar		Weather: clear and warm Repairs completed today on a Humber scout car, Ford 15 cwt, 2 arm'd cars, a 60 cwt. Repairs also completed on 3 tanks, A Chev HUP and a 60 cwt sent to wksp today. Repairs commenced on a jeep, a 15 cwt and a tank.	
	20 Mar		Weather: sunny and warm Work proceeded mainly on "B" Sqn vehs. No definite orders to move as yet received. One of "B" Sqn's tanks came in for engine repair. Minor repairs carried out to one other tank.	
	21 Mar		Weather: sunny and warm Work proceeding in repairing engine in tank OT 159982 - to be repaired by 1200 hrs. Capt. Duncan visited CREME to obtain release on 2 Radial engines and a 1043 for 15 cwt Arm'd truck. "B" Sqn received orders to move 1230 hrs. "B" Sect of IAD started to pack up in preparation for move on morning of 22nd. Tracks for Mack hvy Bkdn obtained from 4 Arm'd Tps Wksp. Trade tested personnel returned from 4 Arm'd Tps Wksp. Personnel proceeding with "B" Sqn are: Capt. Duncan, AQMS. Murray, Sgt. Heil, Cpl. Banks, L/Cpl. Tyers, Cpl. Millar, L/Cpl. Miron, Cfn. Bennett, Wilson, Hall, Griffith, Falle, Hayward, Ginson, Phinney Conway, Desforbes, Stickley, Barnes and MacAskill. The vehicles to be taken are: two AFV stores lorries, 60 cwt office, 60 cwt GS, 15 cwt KL, 15 cwt GS, Electrician's lorry, 15 cwt Mack Hvy bkdn and one mc.	
	22 Mar		Weather: sunny and warm <u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> Routine day. Work continued on vehicles. <u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> "B" Sect of the IAD finished preparation to move. Convoy was lined up and moved off at 1030 hrs. Route: Hapert - 210 route to Eindhoven - 353 route to Vught - Maple Leaf Up to Nijmegen - Diamond Up to Krannenburg - to Bedburg where "B" Sqn was located. Time of arrival 1700 hrs. IAD then set up camp in woods MR 938525 Sheet 4203 (Calcar). Capt. Duncan called at RHQ in Weeze and reported to IIT. Col. Churchill. He was told CREME, 30 Arm'd Bde is holding a meeting of CREMEs at 1430 hrs, 23 March at 30 Bde HQ.	
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Belg & NE France Scale 1:100,000 Part of GSGS 4336 Sheet 4 MR 273109 Hepart	1945 23 Mar		<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> "A" Sect, IAD worked on own vehicles today. Kit re-arranged.</p> <p><u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: sunny and warm Work commenced on assembling and checking a new radial engine held as a spare. The kitchen was set up in the woods under cover. Brackets etc were welded on several carriers. Capt. Duncan reported to BEME, 30 Bde and was given info regarding recovery and repair during initial stages of the Rhine crossing.</p>	
Bedburg Sheet 4203 Calcar Sheet MR 938525	24 Mar		<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> Sgt. Darby finished off fixing the ARV by adding mountings and brackets. Thirty-seven bogie pin sets welded on "A" Sqn tank to permit mounting of spare bogie wheels.</p> <p><u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: warm and clear In the morning, AQMS Murray and MQMS Cascadden carried out an inspection of "B" Sqn tanks checking mainly the suspensions. A great deal of suspension trouble was found, a good deal of it due to lack of maintenance. This was brought to the notice of Major Baldwin, OC of "B" Sqn, and work was started to remedy it.</p>	
	25 Mar		<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> Repairs carried out to "B" Sqn tanks. Another 23 sets of bogie pins welded on "B" Sqn tanks today. A GMC arm'd car brought into the Sect today with a broken front axle for repair.</p> <p><u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> The Padre held a Sqn Church Parade at 1000 hrs. There was considerable welding work carried out on suspensions following the inspection by AQMS Murray and MQMS Cascadden. There was no news of a move.</p>	

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Belg & NE France Scale 1:100,000 Part of GSGS 4336 Sheet 4 MR 273109 Hapert	1945 26 Mar		<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> Repairs completed today to GMC Armd car brought in yesterday. "A" Sect prepared for a move at 1430 hrs to Calcar area. Route taken on move was: Hapert - Eindhoven - Helmond - Gennop - Cleve road - Calcar. "A" Sect, IAD set up in a field in Calcar for the night.</p> <p><u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Latest instructions still that "B" Sqn would not move before 1200 hrs. Later LO came in with info from Bde that "B" Sqn would not move before 1800 hrs. IAD vehicles in convoy are to be Mack hvy bkdn and 15 cwt Mach KL. Remainder of "B" Sect, IAD was to move to a Marshalling Area before crossing the Rhine.</p>	
Bedburg Sheet 4203 Calcar Sheet MR 938525 Calcar area en route over the Rhine	27 Mar		<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> "A" Sect, IAD left field en route to Marshalling Area. "A" Sect, IAD left Marshalling Area to cross the Rhine at 1600 hrs. A QMS Tatham, S/Sgt. Headon and fitters stayed to affect repairs to an ARV and a tank.</p> <p><u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: cloudy and cool Reveille at 0515 hrs. Capt. Copley, A/OC "B" Sqn, held briefing at 0530 hrs. Orders were received that APCs were to carry 60 boxes of 25 pdr ammo. Vehicles were all warmed up and Capt. Duncan lined up "B" vehs. APCs were loaded and A & B veh convoy started off at 0830 hrs. Convoy stopped at 0930 hrs outside "A" Sqn area on road to Calcar while new movement orders were sorted out. "B" Sqn was then ordered to proceed through Calcar and cross Lambeth Bridge (supposed to cross at 0930 hrs). Convoy halted again after slow progress. Halt lasted about 1½ hrs while further instructions were issued for convoy movement. Finally word received for "B" vehicle convoy to split off from "A" and cross London Bridge. "B" vehicle convoy crossed the Rhine at 1415 hrs and proceeded from Rees to Speldrop MR. "A" and "B" vehicle convoy arrived at 1530 hrs and it was then found that "B" Sqn had to proceed immediately on ops. One tank was unable to proceed due to faulty suspension. "B" Sect, IAD started work on it. TAC HQ with the OC, 1 CACR pulled into camp at 1800 hrs. A heavy barrage on enemy positions lasted for about 2 hrs.</p>	
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Sheet 16 MR 061559	28 Mar		<p>"A" Sect, IAD</p> <p>"A" Sect, IAD and "A" Sqn arrived at new location about 0300 hrs. Maintenance work done on vehicles. AQMS Tatham with fitters crossed the Rhine with the 2 ARVs and a tank at approx. 1200 hrs. Several jockey roller brackets that were cracked were welded today.</p> <p>"B" Sect, IAD</p> <p>Weather: clear and cool</p> <p>Information came in from OC, "B" Sqn that they had 3 tank casualties and 1 killed and 2 wounded. Capt. Duncan and MQMS Cascadden took the Sqn fitters up to "B" Sqn harbour area and found 2 APCs outside the Church at MR 075577 *. One had an H.E. hit on the rear deck, damaging the right petrol tank and gas lines and also causing some damage to the engine. The second only required fitters attention. Capt. Duncan and MQMS Cascadden proceeded on to "B" Sqn and obtained the MR location of the 3rd tank (195041). This was located over the Autobahn and had a track blown off and a bazooka hit high up. It was not badly damaged. Arrangements were made for the ARV to come up and repair this vehicle and tow the casualty to the crock park in Rees. Repairs were completed on a "B" Sqn tank and Capt. Duncan delivered it to "B" Sqn area.</p>	Church
Speldrop MR 063543 Sheet 4.204. Rees Sheet	* Sheet 4.104. Isselburg Sheet	29 Mar	<p>"A" Sect, IAD</p> <p>Inspection of all suspensions on kangaroos was carried out by AQMS Tatham and S/Sgt. Headon. It was found that several jockey roller brackets were loose. The Sqn and "A" Sect, IAD moved from present location today. L/Cpl Miron left unit today to proceed on UK leave wef 30 Mar to 8 Apr.</p> <p>"B" Sect, IAD</p> <p>Weather: cloudy and cool with light rain</p> <p>Repairs were started on 041 and the bazooka hit was welded up. The Z casualty tank was towed back to the central crock park near the gas works in Reus. Permission was given by BEME, 30 Bde to write it off. TAC HQ moved off about 1830 hrs and "B" Sect, IAD prepared to move. Traffic was very heavy so it was decided to move first thing in the morning. "A" and "B" Sqns both moved to the Anholt area. RHQ moved in during the afternoon. L/Cpl. Miron left unit today to proceed on UK leave wef 30 Mar to 8 Apr.</p>	Z

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Milligen MR 079575 Sheet 4104 Isselburg Sheet Speldrop MR 063543 Sheet 4204 Rees Sheet	1945 30 Mar		<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> "A" Sect, IAD moved from present location at Milligen to new location at Anholt MR 099619. Convoy arrived about 1630 hrs and vehicles were lined up awaiting movement orders. Cfn. McHenry left unit today to proceed on UK leave waf 31 Mar to 9 Apr.</p> <p><u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: cloudy and cool "B" Sect, IAD moved off from Speldrop with "B" Sqns two ARVs and one APC. The destination was Anholt. Traffic was very heavy and was held up for about two hours while the bridge outside Anholt was repaired. The convoy arrived at Anholt around 1300 hrs and joined up with "A" and "B" Sqn Echelons. Capt. Duncan contacted the forward carriers with Major Copley. There had been no breakdowns. "B" Sqns two ARVs and a fitter half track were sent up about 1500 hrs to join the column. Sgt. Heil and Cfn. Falle went in one of the ARVs. Later "A" Sqns ARVs and half track went up to join the column. The remainder of the IAD in charge of Sgt. Edey arrived at Anholt around 1900 hrs. No orders to move had come in by late that night.</p>	
Anholt MR 099619 Sheet 4104 Isselburg Sheet Anholt MR 099619 Sheet 4104 Isselburg Sheet	31 Mar		<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> "A" Sect, IAD moved from present location at Anholt to new location at MR 115653 on Sheet 16. S/Sgt. Headon and veh mechs left ahead of main body for new location to change an engine in a tank.</p> <p><u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: cloudy and cool with some rain No orders for the echelon had come by early morning. Finally around 1000 hrs the echelon was on notice and moved off at 1200 hrs. "B" Sect, IAD moved with them. The route was 43 Div Up to an area just outside Vaarsveld where "A" Sqn was located. Time of arrival was approx. 1500 hrs. Two IAD vehicles suffered minor mishaps on the road. Repairs were carried out to two tanks by the IAD.</p>	

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Sheet 16 MR 115653	1945 1 Apr		<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: Windy and cloudy Changing of engine completed in a tank today. Sgt. Edey went back to Pd Pk for spare parts today. "A" Sect, IAD received orders to move to new location in Ruurlo today. Convoy moved off at 1930 hrs., and arrived in Ruurlo in the evening.</p> <p><u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: Cloudy and cool with some rain Repairs were completed on two more tanks today. No orders to move were received. The Padre held a Church Parade at 1400 hrs.</p>	Heil
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Ruurlo	2 Apr		<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> "A" Sect, IAD prepared to move again today this time to an area outside Borculo. Convoy moved off at 1530 hrs.</p> <p><u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: cool and sunny Repairs were completed to a tank. Minor repairs to two IAD vehs were completed. Various orders were recd during the day as to movement of the Sqn. Finally at 1800 hrs., the Sqn and IAD were on a half hour's notice. At 2345 hrs orders were recd to move the IAD with "A" Echelon. The convoy moved off at 2400 hrs. The weather had changed and there was heavy rain and poor visibility. The route was 4 Cdn Div UP to an area about 1 mile outside Ruurlo on the Ruurlo-Barculo road.</p>	Heil
Near Borculo	3 Apr		<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> Inspection carried out on tanks for cracked idlers. Several idler brackets and idler wheels were welded.</p> <p><u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: cool and raining The convoy arrived at the Sqn area at 0300 hrs. It was located about 1 mile outside Ruurlo on the Ruurlo-Barculo road. Personnel slept in their vehs until morning. There were two recovery jobs done by the ARVs en route. AQMS. Murray, AQMS Cascadden, Sgt. Heil and Sgt. Kinvig carried out an inspection of "B" Sqn tanks. It was evident this would be a large number of suspension repairs to carry out. Capt. Duncan called at "A" Sqn Section of the IAD near Barculo to see how the situation was with "A" Sqn. Some suspension work was required here also. No word was received of "B" Sqn or</p>	Heil
Near Ruurlo				Heil

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Near Borculo	3 Apr (cont'd)		"A" Sqdn moving. The report on tank maintenance was finished and typed out.	lea
	4 Apr		<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> More suspensions were welded today. Move scheduled for 1700 hrs. was cancelled. There was a movie this evening for all personnel of "A" Sqdn and "A" Sect, IAD.</p> <p><u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: cloudy and cool Capt. Duncan gave a lecture to the "B" Sqdn drivers and Troop officers on common faults found in maintenance after AQMS Murray's and MQMS Cascadden's inspection and report. Two welding crews were sent out to the Sqdn lines to carry out numerous repairs to suspensions. At noon orders were read and the Sqdn was on notice to move at 1630 hrs. Capt. Rook and Capt. Duncan went out on a recce to locate a suitable area for "A" Echelon and the IAD ("B" Sqdn section) near Wegden. Capt. Duncan decided not to move the IAD Section as the Sqdn location was not definite and a larger move was likely in the morning. "B" Section then moved to "A" Section area near Barculo until the morning. One 60 cwt, the Machinery lorry and two trailers were added to "B" Sqdn Section along with 5 additional personnel.</p>	lea
Near Ruurlo	5 Apr		<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: changeable We moved from our area just outside of Borculo over to "A" Sqdn's location on the Zutphen-Lochem Rd. Route taken was Green 4 part way and 2 Div for the remainder of the move. "A" Sect, IAD prepared for operation in a farm yard and barn.</p> <p><u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: cloudy and cool with rain "B" Sqdn Section of IAD moved off from "A" Sqdn area at approx. 0930 hrs to go to "B" Sqdn "A" Echelon. When they arrived, they found the Sqdn was on the move and joined in the convoy moving off about 1100 hrs. The route was 4 Cdn Div Up Route and the Convoy arrived at its destination at approx 1400 hrs. Location: Almelo Sheet, MR 292128, near town of Borne. Repairs of a minor nature were effected to two tanks and it was found necessary to tow one tank into the harbour area with an ARV as its engine was burned out. The IAD situated in and around some farm buildings. AQMS. Murray and Cfn. MacAskill went in search of an IAD 60 cwt which was bringing up a new engine. They led him in about 2300 hrs.</p>	lea
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Almelo Sheet MR 292128 near town of Borne	1945			
	6 Apr		<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: fine Changing of a transmission completed today. Five rear idler brackets welded today. Movie in the barn tonight for "A" Sect, IAD personnel</p> <p><u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: cloudy and cool with some rain Work was started in replacing an engine in one of "B" Sqdn's tanks. The new engine was found to be defective and is to be sent to wksps for examination. Welding repairs were completed on the tanks. AQMS Murray went to "A" Sqdn, IAD Section to obtain another engine (Continental? and a Ford radiator.</p>	<p>LCIA</p> <p>LCIA</p>
	7 Apr		<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: fine Completed the changing of an engine in unit jeep today. A universal joint was installed in the YMCA jeep. "A" Sect, IAD recd orders to move to a new location at Laren: Sheet P.1; Bocholt Sheet; Scale 1:100,000; MR 071001. "A" Sect, IAD convoy moved off at 1430 hrs. and route taken was 2 Div.</p> <p><u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: clear and warm Installation of the new engine in tank CT 159123 proceeded. Repairs to one suspension unit on CT 159046 were completed. The Sqdn got orders to move and were on the road at 1600 hrs. The route was 4 Div UP but final destination was not certain. Cfn. Barnes was sent up with Sqdn in order to lead the IAD in when it was ready to move. Orders were sent back to RHQ for urgent spare parts.</p>	<p>LCIA</p> <p>LCIA</p>
Sheet P.1 Bocholt Sheet Scale 1:100,000 Laren MR 071001	8 Apr		<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: fine 100 hr check in progress on a tank today. Maintenance carried out on unit vehicles.</p> <p><u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: clear and warm Repairs were continued to the 3 tanks left behind by "B" Sqdn. It was found necessary to change another suspension in tank CT 159046. Repairs were completed to tank CT 159123 in which the new engine was installed. Replacement of tracks was completed in the third tank. Sgt. Edey brought some spare parts from the other section of the IAD. The IAD packed up and prepared to move early the next morning.</p>	<p>LCIA</p> <p>LCIA</p>

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Sheet P.1 Bocholt Sheet Scale 1:100,000 Laren MR 071001	1945 9 Apr		<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> 100 hr. check completed today on one tank. Maintenance continued today on unit vehicles. Two tanks came in - one required attention to brakes and the other required attention to the transmission.</p> <p><u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: cloudy and cool changing to clear and warm later in day "B" Sect, IAD and the three repaired "B" Sqn tanks moved off from their location at 0830 hrs for Twist where the Sqn and TAC HQ was located. Convoy proceeded on 4 Div UP without incident until held up for five hours by a bad 4 mile stretch of road. Finally at 1530 hrs, this was cleared, the "B" vehs being towed through by the tanks and no delay caused. The convoy proceeded on 4 Div UP to Rhule and turned left on the main road to Twist. Here it was again held up while a bridge and road were repaired. The IAD arrived at Twist at approx. 1800 hrs and set up. Electrical trouble in one tank was repaired. Repairs were required to engines in two other tanks.</p>	LCA
Almelo Sheet MR 292128 near town of Borne	10 Apr		<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> "A" Sect, IAD recd orders to move to new location at Nijverdal. Location: Sheet N.1; Almelo Sheet; Scale 1:100,000; MR 138199. "A" Sect, IAD convoy moved off at 1500 hrs and arrived in Nijverdal about 1800 hrs. "A" Sect, IAD set up for operation in a factory previously occupied by the enemy. Two tanks were taken to 2 CAB W/S, one requiring a major brake job and the other requiring a transmission change.</p> <p><u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: clear and warm Work started on two "B" Sqn tanks - one with a bad oil lead and the other with a burnt exhaust elbow. These engines were removed and the second was found to be N/S. The Sqn and ARVs moved off at noon to a new location in Meppen. The IAD remained to continue the repairs. AQMS. Murray went to a Sub Park to obtain urgent spares.</p>	LCA
Sheet N.1; Almelo Sheet; Almelo Sheet Scale 1:100,000 MR 138199				LCA

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Sheet N.1 Almelo Sheet Scale 1:100,000 MR 138199	1945 11 Apr		<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> Work commenced today on three tanks that came in in the morning. Two of the three tanks required electrical repairs and the third engine repairs. The engine in the third tank was pulled so that a replacement could be made for it.</p> <p><u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: clear and warm Capt. Duncan and AQMS. Murray left in the morning to try and pick up a radial engine for replacement in OT 159456. It was found impossible to obtain any as they are in short supply. They also visited RHQ and found they had been unsuccessful also in obtaining any. A message came late in the afternoon that "B" Sqdn was moving on from Meppen to Sogel, so Capt. Duncan decided to tow the N/S tank, OT 159456, with the other two Rams and repair it later on catching up with the Sqdn. "B" Sect, IAD packed up and prepared to move early in the morning. AQMS. Tatham called in from "A" Sect, IAD and had no difficulties at that time.</p>	Act.
Almelo Sheet MR 292128 near town of Borne	12 Apr		<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: fine Repairs completed today on the two tanks requiring electrical repairs. No engine can be obtained to replace the one pulled yesterday on the third tank. The Command Tank came in today for a 100 hr check.</p> <p><u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: sunny and warm "B" Sect, IAD packed and was on the road at 0740 hrs. The route was 4 Div UP to Sogel, through Meppen. Some delay was caused by fuel trouble on a to cwt. Capt. Duncan went on ahead and contacted the Sqdn about 3 miles on the other side of Sogel. Major Baldwin informed him that the Sqdn was liable to move on in a few hours. A suitable site was reced for "B" Sect, IAD. Capt. Duncan then returned to meet the convoy and found them only as far as Meppen. The three "B" Sqdn tanks with the convoy had delayed them considerably due to heavy road traffic. The "B" veh convoy then went on ahead with Capt. Duncan to the Sqdn Area and it was found the Sqdn had moved on to Neuranenburg. A DR came back to ask that "B" Sect, IAD continue on up there. The three tanks caught up and after a stop for a meal, "A" Sect, IAD moved on at 1700 hrs to Neuranenburg arriving without incident around 1930 hrs. "A" Sect, IAD set up in a field adjacent to TAC HQ at MR</p>	Act. Act. Act.

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Sheet N.1 Almelo Sheet Scale 1:100,000 MR 138199	1945			
	13 Apr		<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> The Command Tank engine was pulled today. Repairs to transmission in a tank also started today. Maintenance on unit vehicles carried out today.</p> <p><u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: clear and warm It was heard on the news that President Roosevelt died on Thursday Afternoon. Many welding and heavy repairs were carried out to the Sqdn tanks. A new engine is being prepared for Tank CT 159456. This engine had to have some minor repairs before it would be used. AQMS. Murray took Sgt. Heil to RHQ for his UK leave. He was also to visit "A" Sqdn Sect, of IAD to pick up Sgt. Edey and the "B" Veh stores lorry.</p>	See. See lorry.
	14 Apr		<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> S/Sgt. Headon went to Nijmegen to obtain a steering box for the Scammel but was unsuccessful. An engine was replaced in a tank so that the tank could be BLRD. No engine could be obtained for it. A 100 hr check completed today on a tank. A new engine was prepared for installation in another tank.</p> <p><u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: clear and warm AQMS. Murray and Sgt. Edey got into camp about 0200 hrs. this morning. New engine being installed in tank CT 159456. Several other tanks with suspension trouble completed. Bkdn sent out in evening to pick up an engine. On the return trip, it ran into a bomb crater at Bergen and could not be recovered with the equipment at hand. AQMS. Murray is to take an ARV out in the morning to recover it. Two Continental engines arrived from 1 Tk Bde Ord Pd Pk in the evening.</p>	See See.
15 Apr			<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> Installation of transmission completed today in a tank. Installation of new engine in Command Tank also completed today. "A" Sect, IAD was able to obtain only one engine and this engine was installed in the Command Tank.</p>	See.

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	1945			
Oldenburg Sheet Sheet M.2 Scale 1:100,000 MR 208875	15 Apr (cont'd)		<p><u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: cloudy and raining AQMS. Murray and Veh Mechs went to Borger with ARV to recover IAD Bkdn. Numerous welding repairs being carried out to tanks. A 100 hr check being carried out on an engine for tank CT 159490.</p>	LeA-
Sheet N.1 Almelo Sheet Scale 1:100,000 MR 138199	16 Apr		<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> "A" Sect, IAD recd orders to move to new location in Groningen. Route taken was through Balkbrug, Hoogeveen, Assen to Groningen. "A" Sect, IAD obtained a garage in the city and started cleaning-up immediately. A 60 cwt lorry was BIRD at 2 Armd Bde Wksp.</p> <p><u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: clear and warm A 100 hr check being carried out on a tank. Repairs completed on 2 tanks. Numerous welding repairs to suspensions were carried out.</p>	LeA-
Groningen Sheet Sheet M.1 Scale 1:100,000 MR 214148	17 Apr		<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: One hydra burner repaired today. Two motorcycles belonging to "A" Sqn were BIRD today. AQMS. Murray and Cfn. McHenry went to roadhead at Nijmegen to pick up 2 engines.</p> <p><u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> morning - Weather: /clear and warm; afternoon - clear and warm; evening - cloudy, then clearing with moonlight Work continued on 100 hr check on a tank. Minor repairs carried out to jeep belonging to TAC HQ. Movie and refreshments after supper for all personnel of "B" Sqn and "B" Sect, IAD.</p>	LeA- LeA-
	18 Apr		<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: fine Two tanks came in requiring new engines. The two engines that came from 49 APC were not correct in every way - one was a 7 cylinder engine which was useless to us. One engine only could be installed in a tank - the other required repairs. AQMS. Tatham and Cfn. McHenry ret'd from the roadhead at Nijmegen without the engines as they had already been transported up.</p>	LeA-

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Oldenburg Sheet Sheet M.2 Scale 1:100,000 MR 208875 Groningen Sheet Sheet M.1. Scale 1:100,000 MR 214148	1945			
	18 Apr	(cont'd)	<u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: morning - clear and warm; afternoon - clear and warm; evening - clear and warm, moonlight. Repairs completed on 3 tanks today, also on YMCA Tea Car. Baseball was organized in the IAD in the evening.	LeA
	19 Apr		<u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: fine and warm Installation of new engine in tank completed today. A 100 hr check completed today. "A" Sect, IAD prepared today for move in the morning to a new location.	LeA
	20 Apr		<u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: morning - clear and warm; afternoon - clear and warm; evening - clear and moderate, moonlight. Repairs completed on 4 tanks today. Many repairs of a minor nature were made to "B" Sqn and TAC HQ "B" vehs.	LeA
			<u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: fine Breakfast at 0600 hrs. "A" Sect, IAD convoy moved off at 0730 hrs. Route taken was: Diamond Down through Assen, Hoogetveen, Balkbrug, Ommen where convoy turned off and went in an easterly direction and went through Warlenburg to Hardenburg. Convoy arrived about 1700 hrs. An Exhaust muffler bracket was welded on a tank brought in the convoy. "A" Sect, IAD convoy moved to a field about a mile and a half out of town and stayed overnight.	LeA
			<u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: morning - clear and warm; afternoon - clear and warm; evening - cloudy and raining Repairs carried out to unit vehicles. Capt. Duncan and Capt. Rook went to "A" Sqn location at Hurzlake near Lonigen. The Sqn had arrived the previous afternoon after a 120 mile trip from Groningen. There were about 8 100 hr checks to be carried out to the tanks so Capt. Duncan decided to send a large party of fitters from "B" Sect, IAD to start the repairs as "A" Sect, IAD wasn't due to arrive before the next afternoon. Capt. Duncan and Capt. Rook contacted Capt. Beale, OC "L" Sect, 49 APC Wksp and he arranged to move near Lonigen and take on some repairs to "A" and "B" Sqn tanks. He would be ready for work around 22 Apr.	LeA

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Near Hardenburg En route to new location	21 Apr 1945		<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: raining "A" Sect, IAD convoy moved off at 0730 hrs. Route taken was Emerald Up to Lingen by way of Ulsen, Weufnlais, Veldhausen, Weetmarchen, Sudlohone to Lingen. Red Heart route was followed from Lingen through Klusorth, Baumkel, Haselunne to Herslake. Convoy arrived at 1500 hrs and work commenced immediately on three 100 hr checks, and also on another tank requiring electrical repairs. Capt. Duncan and L/Cpl. Ryan brought in a German prisoner.</p>	LCH
Oldenburg Sheet Sheet M.2 Scale 1:100,000 MR 208875			<p><u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: morning - cloudy and raining; afternoon - cloudy and raining; evening - cloudy and raining Capt. Duncan, AQMS. Murray and crew went to "A" Sqn to carry out repairs to "A" Sqn's tanks pending arrival of "A" Sect, IAD from Groningen. Capt. Duncan, AQMS. Murray and crew ret'd late this evening. "A" Sect, IAD arrived in mid-afternoon at "A" Sqn's location. "B" Sect, IAD did 4 of the heavy repair jobs during the day.</p>	LCH
Herslake	22 Apr		<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: raining and windy Work was carried on today despite unfavourable weather conditions on three 100 hr checks. The tank which required electrical repairs was completed today. Cfn. Edwards and Cfn. Nelson brought in two German prisoners today. Numerous welding repairs were carried out to tanks today.</p> <p><u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: morning - cool, cloudy and windy; afternoon - cool and some sunshine; evening - cool and cloudy Routine day. Capt. Duncan spent most of the day at "A" Sect, IAD. Repairs to remaining "A" Sqn tanks progressing favourably.</p>	LCH
	23 Apr		<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: changeable Three 100 hr checks completed today. Two more tanks undergoing repairs today. Welders went to "A" Sqn today to do welding repairs to tanks.</p>	LCH

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Oldenburg Sheet Sheet M.2 Scale 1:100,000 MR 208875	1945 23 Apr (cont'd)		<p><u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: morning - cool and cloudy; afternoon - cool and cloudy; evening - clear and cool Repairs carried out on "B" Sqn water truck today. Bath Parade at 1300 hrs for personnel of "B" Sect, AQMS. Murray and Cfn. Desforges driving a 60 cwt went to 3 Corps & Army Tps Sub Pk and 204 Ord Sub Pk for engine and spare parts and ret'd late in evening with engine and spare parts.</p>	LAD. lea
Herzlake	24 Apr		<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: fine A 100 hr check completed today. "A" Sect, IAD moved to join up with "A" Sqn at its location near Peheim. Convoy moved off from Herzlake and followed Onyx route to Lonagan and then followed secondary roads through Lindern to Peheim. "A" Sect, IAD set up for operation in a field about 2 km from the Sqn.</p> <p><u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: morning - clear and warm; afternoon - clear and warm; evening - clear and cool, moonlight. Repairs begun on one tank. "B" Sect, IAD received orders to move to new location. Location: Oldenburg Sheet; Scale 1:100,000; MR 069789. "B" Sect, IAD prepared for move and convoy pulled out in mid-afternoon. Convoy arrived at approx. 1700 hrs. On arrival, it was found that "A" Sect, IAD was already there. Both sections are now joined up.</p>	lea
Entire IAD now located at: Oldenburg Sheet Scale 1:100,000 MR 069789	25 Apr		<p><u>Weather:</u> morning - clear and warm; afternoon - clear and warm; evening - clear and cool, moonlight. Muster parade held this morning. Repairs in progress on one tank. One 100 hr check being carried out on another tank. Repairs being carried out to a Recovery tank while another is destined to go to wksp for engine check. Sgt. Edey, Cpl. Banks and L/Cpl. Miron left with Mack Bkdn for List and Brussels. Mack Bkdn is to be turned in at 143 Veh Pk at List and a Ward la France is to be picked up at 146 Veh Pk in Brussels.</p>	lea
	26 Apr		<p>Weather: clear and warm; afternoon - clear and warm; evening - clear and moderate, moonlight Repairs completed today on one tank. A jeep engine and a mc sent to wksp today for repairs. There was a baseball game between "A" and "B" Sects of the IAD in the evening.</p>	lea

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Oldenburg Sheet Sheet M.2 Scale 1:100,000 MR 069789	1945 27 Apr		Weather: morning - cool and raining; afternoon - cool and raining; evening - cloudy and cool Repairs completed on one tank today. One tank ret'd to 49 APC Wksp for attention. Repairs in progress on three other tanks. It was also found necessary to pull an engine out of tank CT 159917 after its return from 2 Cdn Arm'd Bde Wksp to carry out further repairs.	lea
	28 Apr		Weather: morning - cloudy and cool; afternoon - cloudy; evening - cloudy with slight rain A set of rubber treaded tracks being installed on an ARV this morning. One 100 hr check completed today. Repairs in progress on two other tanks. Inoculation Parade for personnel of "A" Sect, IAD today. One "A" Sqn ARV sent to 49 APC Wksp for engine replacement.	lea
	29 Apr		Weather: morning - cloudy and raining; afternoon - cloudy and raining; evening - cloudy and raining Routine day. Owing to the very heavy rain and mud, very little work could be done.	lea
	30 Apr		Weather: morning - cool, cloudy and raining; afternoon - cool, cloudy and raining; evening - cool, cloudy with rain and snow Routine day. Repairs completed on 2 tanks today.	lea

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Oldenburg Sheet Scale 1:100,000 MR 069789	1 May		Weather: morning - cloudy, cool and raining; afternoon - cloudy, cool and raining; Routine day. IAD personnel bid Capt. Duncan farewell this evening at an informal get-together before he leaves to assume his new duties at 2 Tk Tps Wksp. Capt. A.K.C. Allen will be the new OC of 123 IAD.	SEA.
	2 May		Weather: morning - cool and cloudy; afternoon - cool and cloudy; evening - cool and cloudy "A" Sect, IAD moved to new location at Horn. Location: Kirchatten Sheet, Scale 1:25,000, MR 474945. A 100 hr check being carried out on a tank today. A Junkers 188 landed in an adjoining field a little distance away about 6 p.m. this evening. Capt. Duncan and some IAD personnel went out to investigate. The five members of the crew were outside the plane and raised their hands in surrender at the approach of IAD personnel. Sgt. Heil acting as interpreter learned they had flown from Trondheim, Norway to surrender. They were given something to eat and taken under armed escort to RHQ.	SEA
			"A" Sect, IAD "A" Sect, IAD moved from its present location near Peheim at 0930 hrs to new location in Horn. Location: Kirchatten Sheet, sheet 2916, Scale 1:25,000, MR 474945. Route taken was: Peheim - Cloppenburg - Onyx up to Willeshausen - left Onyx route and took a road through Kirchatten and Dingstede to Horn.	SEA
			"B" Sect, IAD Weather: morning - partly cloudy and moderating; afternoon - cool; evening - cool Two 100 hr checks completed today, also 1 jeep, Two 100 hr inspections in progress today.	SEA
Horn Kirchatten Sheet Sheet 2916 Scale 1:25,000 MR 474945	3 May		"A" Sect, IAD Work commenced on a 100 hr check and on changing a final drive in a tank. Change of final drive was completed today and the tank was returned to the Sqn. There was a Bath Parade for personnel today.	SEA
	4 May		"B" Sect, IAD Weather: morning - cloudy; afternoon - cloudy and raining; evening - electrical storm with rain A 100 hr inspection completed today on one tank.	SEA.

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Horn Kirchatten Sheet MR 474945	1945 4 May	(cont'd)	<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: changeable A 100 hr check completed today. "A" Sect, IAD moved from present location in Horn to new location in Oldenburg. "A" Sect, IAD Arrived at 1630 hrs and set up for operation in a German barracks. Location: Oldenburg Sheet, Sheet M.2, Scale 1:100,000, MR 319025.</p>	len
Oldenburg Sheet Scale 1:100,000 MR 069789	5 May		<p><u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: morning - cloudy and cool; afternoon - partly cloudy and cool; evening - cloudy and cool A 100 hr inspection completed on one tank today.</p>	len
Oldenburg Sheet Sheet M.2 Scale 1:100,000 MR 319025			<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: rainy Work commenced on three 100 hr checks today. Left hand final drive changed on a tank.</p>	len
	6 May		<p><u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: morning - cloudy and raining; afternoon - cloudy and cool; evening - clear and cool Padre held Church Parade at 1100 hrs at RHQ for "B" Sqn, "B" Sect, IAD and RHQ personnel. Capt. Allen and Capt. Duncan went to "A" Sqn today.</p>	len
			<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: fine Work continued on the three 100 hr checks. It was found necessary to obtain an oil pressure line and throttle linkage from an outside source. Maintenance carried out on unit vehicles.</p>	len
	7 May		<p><u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: morning - fair and warm; afternoon - fair and warm; evening - cooler Work on two 100 hr checks continued today.</p>	len
			<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> Two 100 hr check were completed this morning and the third in the evening. "A" Sect, IAD prepared to move in the morning back to Peheim. "A" Sqn moved at 1800 hrs tonight back to Peheim.</p>	len

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Oldenburg Sheet Scale 1:100,000 MR 069789	1945- 8 May		<p><u>"B" Sect, IAD</u> Weather: morning - fair and warm; afternoon - fair and warm; evening - clear with moonlight "B" Sect, IAD personnel went on Bath Parade. "A" Sect, IAD arrived today at 1430 hrs. Both Sects are now joined up. One tank came in for repairs.</p> <p>Prime Minister Churchill broadcast at 3 p.m. and announced that the war would end officially at one minute past midnight tonight. His Majesty the King spoke at 2100 hrs. All ranks celebrated the close of hostilities in a manner befitting the occasion.</p> <p>0001 hrs. 9 May 45 The war in Europe is officially over. Many Very lights could be seen as well as beams of light in the sky. Strains of the "Last Post" could be clearly heard in the area.</p>	lea lea A
Oldenburg Sheet Sheet M.2 Scale 1:100,000 MR 319025			<p><u>"A" Sect, IAD</u> "A" Sect, IAD moved from present location in Oldenburg back to Peheim to rejoin "B" Sect, IAD at 1200 hrs. Route taken was: Onyx down to Cloppenburg - secondary road to Peheim. "A" Sect, IAD arrived at 1430 hrs.</p>	lea
Entire IAD now at MR 069789 on the Oldenburg Sheet	9 May		<p>Weather: morning - clear and warm; afternoon - clear and warm; evening - clear IAD personnel went to RHQ for a ceremonial parade for Major-General Sir Percy Hobart, GOS 79 Arm'd Div on his arrival at the unit. A message came later that owing to "air difficulties" he would not be there. The parade was therefore called off.</p>	(Br)lea
	10 May		<p>Weather: morning - warm and sultry; afternoon - clear and warm; evening - electrical storm A 100 hr check in progress. Repairs completed on a 15 cwt and two jeeps today. Maintenance in progress on unit vehicles.</p>	lea
	11 May		<p>Weather: morning - clear and warmer; afternoon - clear and hot; evening - clear and cooler IAD shifted its location across the road into another field to facilitate operations and organized sports. IAD attended parade called at RHQ for the Regt and IAD by Lt. Col. Churchill to mark properly the cessation of hostilities in Europe and the end of the Regt as an active field regt in the face of the enemy. Canteen parade in the evening followed by baseball and a movie. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the movie.</p>	lea

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Oldenburg Sheet Scale 1:100,000 MR 069789	1945			
	12 May		Weather: morning - clear and warm; afternoon - clear and hot; evening - clear and cooler Capt. Duncan bid a final farewell to members of IAD before leaving for 2 Tk Tps Wksp. Capt. Allen accompanied him as far as CREME, First Cdn Army Tps to settle some personnel problems. Repairs completed on a mc and one tank. Capt. Allen ret'd from visit to CREME early in evening.	Rea
	13 May		Weather: morning - clear and warm; afternoon - clear and warm; evening - cloudy with wind A Church Parade was held this morning at 1000 hrs for Regt and IAD personnel in accordance with the King's Proclamation that the first Sunday after VE-day should be observed as a National Day of Prayer and Thanksgiving.	Rea
	14 May		Weather: morning - clear and warm; afternoon - clear and warm; evening-clear and cooler Repairs carried out to 2 jeeps and repairs finished today on a 60 cwt and a 15 cwt. War Diary for April despatched today. AQMS. Murray left unit today to proceed on UK leave wef 16 May to 25 May. Sgt. Edey went to 1 Tk Bde Ord Fd Pk for spare parts this afternoon.	Rea
	15 May		Weather: morning - cloudy and cool; afternoon - cloudy and cool; evening - cloudy and cool Painting of unit and regtl vehs carried out today. Humber 4x4 Amb, a Chev 15 cwt and a Ford engine sent to wksp today.	Rea
	16 May		Weather: morning - clear and warm; afternoon - clear and warm; evening - clear and warm Minor welding repairs carried out today. IAD preparing to move to new location in Enschede right after breakfast tomorrow morning. IAD'S ARVs and "A" and "B" Sqns' ARVs left tonight as an advance party for new location. Pte. Dore left unit today to proceed on 7 days Priv Leave on the Continent wef 18 May to 25 May 45.	Rea
	17 May		Weather: morning - clear and warm; afternoon - cloudy with rain then clear; evening - clear IAD moved from present location at app. 0815 hrs to new location in a school in Glanerbrug near Enschede. Arrived at app. 1400 hrs and proceeded to set up for operation. Location: Schipholtstraat 165, Glanerbrug, Overijssel, Netherlands. IAD brought a Regt 60 cwt picked up en route which had caught on fire. The 60 cwt was sent to wksp today for necessary repairs.	Rea A

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Schipholstraat 165, Glanerbrug, Overijssel Netherlands	1945			
	18 May		Weather: morning—cloudy and cool; afternoon - clear and warmer; evening clear with moonlight A new engine is being installed in a tank today. Engine check completed on the Colonel's jeep today. Reallocation Questionnaires completed for all IAD personnel except six who are away on Priv Leaves and short leaves. Capt. Allen went to RHQ, 4 Arm'd Tps Wksp and 2 Tk Tps Wksp in the afternoon. A Continental engine with a broken accessory drive removed from tank today.	Les
	19 May		Weather: morning - clear and cool; afternoon - clear and warm; evening - cooler Repairs completed today on a 60 cwt, a tank, scout car and a jeep. Installation of new engine in tank completed today.	Les
	20 May		Weather: morning - clear and warm; afternoon - clear and warm; evening cloudy with an electrical storm and some rain. Routine day. IAD personnel had day off.	Les
	21 May		Weather: morning - cloudy and raining; afternoon - cloudy with rain; evening - cloudy Repairs carried out to one jeep today. IAD personnel went on Bath Parade at 1630 hrs. today. Pte. Aylesworth and Cfn. Shapiro left unit today to proceed on 11 days UK leave wef 23 May to 3 Jun. A 60 cwt was sent to wksp today.	Les
	22 May		Weather: morning - cloudy and raining; afternoon - cloudy and raining; evening - cloudy and raining Welding repairs carried out to tanks in Sqn lines today. QM parade this morning. Blankets turned in and redrawn today after washing.	Les
	23 May		Weather: morning - partly cloudy; afternoon - partly cloudy; evening - electrical storm with rain. Jeep engine taken to wksp this morning. Inspection of tanks carried out by Capt. Allen today. Cfn. O'Brien admitted to 6 CCS today with Scarlet Fever. A jeep engine was sent to wksp today for a valve grinding job.	Les
24 May		Weather: morning - cloudy and cool; afternoon - cloudy and warmer; evening - partly cloudy and cool, moonlight Inspection of tanks continued today by Capt. Allen. Pte. Edwards left unit today to proceed on 9 days Priv Leave on the Continent wef 27 May to 5 Jun 45.	Les	

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Schipholstraat 165, Glanerbrug, Overijssel, Netherlands	1945			
	25 May		Weather: morning - cloudy and cool; afternoon - cloudy and cool; evening clear and cool, moonlight A Continental engine was taken to Ord Fd Pk today for disposal. Inspection of Regts tanks by Capt. Allen continued today. ARVs being readied for turning in. A Regtl 60 cwt was brought back from wksp today. Muster parade held this morning.	PCA
	26 May		Weather: morning - cloudy and cool; afternoon - partly cloudy; evening - clear Inspection of Regts tanks completed today by Capt. Allen. Painting of tanks in progress today. Repairs completed today on a Humber Scout car.	PCA
	27 May		Weather: morning - partly cloudy; afternoon - partly cloudy; evening - partly cloudy Church Parade for RC personnel this morning. Major repairs completed today on a jeep belonging to "B" Sqn. Painting of tanks continues to prepare them for turn-in.	PCA
	28 May		Weather: morning - partly cloudy; afternoon - cloudy with some rain; evening - cloudy and raining Capt. Allen visited CREME, First Cdn Army Tps this afternoon. Painting of tanks continued today. Engine change being carried out on unit jeep today.	PCA
	29 May		Weather: morning - cloudy; afternoon - cloudy and cool; evening - cloudy and raining Painting of unit vehicles in progress today. Repairs carried out to "B" Sqn water truck. New engine being installed in a RHQ 60 cwt. Work continued on changing engines in unit jeep. Ford 15 cwt sent to wksp for repairs to transfer case and correction of shimmy in front end, also possible crack in transmission. EME's classification of Unit "A" Vehicles completed for turn-in.	PCA
	30 May		Weather: morning - cloudy; afternoon - partly cloudy; evening - clear and moderate. Work continuing on unit jeep requiring engine change. Arm'd 15 cwt sent to wksp for paint job. Two hydra burners also sent to wksp today.	PCA

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Schipholstraat 165, Glanerbrug, Overijssel, Netherlands	1945 31 May		<p>Weather: morning - partly cloudy; afternoon - mostly clear; evening - clear and moderate</p> <p>Engine change completed in unit jeep today. Engine change in 60 cwt belonging to RHQ also completed today. Mack Hvy Bkdn taken to wksp for repairs to engine transmission and winch. BIR certificate issued by 2 Cdn Tk Tps Wksp for this vehicle. A Willys jeep sent to wksp today. Ford 60 cwt engine sent to wksp today.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <u>A. K. C. Allen</u> CAPT. OC 123 LAD att 1 Cdn Armd Carrier Regt </p>	for

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Schipholtstraat 165, Glanerbrug, Overijssel, Netherlands	45			
	1 Jun		Weather: morning - cloudy; afternoon - cloudy; evening - cloudy and raining A Parade was held this morning at HQ Sqn building and was attended by Regt and LAD. Major-General Hobart, GOC 79 Armd Div (Br) gave a brief address bidding us farewell on leaving the Division, thanking us for our help in the past and wishing us a speedy return to Canada. A Part X Order was passed striking Mack Hvy Bkdn off vehicle strength.	<i>ASch</i>
	2 Jun		Weather: morning - partly cloudy; afternoon - cloudy with some rain; evening- cloudy with heavy showers This morning was taken up by voting for the Ontario Provincial and Dominion General Elections. Personnel from Ontario voted in both elections while those from other parts of Canada voted for candidates in the Dominion Election. A new engine is being installed in an RHQ jeep. Brakes bled on another RHQ jeep. A 60 cwt from RHQ is in for a recheck. LAD ARV taken to wksp for repair. No parts were available so a BLR certificate was issued by 4 Cdn Armd. Tps Wksp. A Part X Order was passed striking the ARV off vehicle strength. Painting of unit vehicles continued today.	<i>ASch</i>
	3 Jun		Weather: morning - clear and warm; afternoon - fair; evening - partly cloudy Routine day.	<i>ASch</i>
	4 Jun		Weather: morning - fair, afternoon - fair; evening - clear and moderate Repairs completed today on a Humber Scout Car. Extensive repairs being carried out to an RHQ jeep. The LAD and HQ Sqn held a dance in the Cafe Avion in Enschede this evening.	<i>ASch</i>
	5 Jun		Weather: morning - cloudy and warm; afternoon - cloudy and warm; evening - partly cloudy Recheck completed on a Ford 60 cwt today. Repairs continuing on RHQ jeep.	<i>ASch</i>
	6 Jun		Weather: morning - cloudy and sultry; afternoon - cloudy and sultry; evening - cloudy and cooler. In keeping with the announcement that today, 6 Jun 45, the first anniversary of D-Day was to be a holiday, all LAD personnel had the day off.	<i>ASch</i>

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Schipholstraat 165, Glanerbrug, Overijssel, Netherlands	45			
	7 Jun		Weather: morning - clear and warm; afternoon - cloudy and sultry with some rain; evening - cloudy and cool with some rain Repairs being carried out to an RHQ jeep today. Maintenance carried out on unit vehs. Padre gave a Rehabilitation talk to LAD personnel at 1100 hrs.	Heck
	8 Jun		Weather: morning - clear and warm; afternoon - partly cloudy and cooler; evening - partly cloudy and cool Two radiators sent to wksp today for repairs.	Heck
	9 Jun		Weather: morning - partly cloudy and cool; afternoon - partly cloudy and cool; evening - partly cloudy and cool Repairs completed on a 15 cwt today. War Diary for May, in duplicate, despatched today.	Heck
	10 Jun		Weather: morning - partly cloudy and cool; afternoon - partly cloudy and cool; evening - partly cloudy and cool LAD personnel had day off.	Heck
	11 Jun		Weather: morning - partly cloudy and cool; afternoon - clear and warm; evening - cloudy and cool Two tarpaulins and a pair of binoculars sent to workshop today. Painting of Regtl vehs carried out today.	Heck
	12 Jun		Weather: morning - cloudy and raining, cool; afternoon - cool and cloudy with heavy shower; evening - cool and cloudy A Chev 60 cwt was sent to wksp for paint job. A Ford 15 cwt sent to wksp for an engine replacement and a front spring. Painting of vehs continued today.	Heck
13 Jun		Weather: morning - cool and cloudy with some rain; afternoon - partly cloudy and cool; evening - cloudy and cooler Two charging sets sent to wksp today. Painting of Regtl vehs continued today. Sgt. Meneice, Cfn. Barnes and Cfn. Ross left unit this morning to go to 1 Cdn Corps Rft Camp. These personnel are SOS to 2/31 Cdn LAD (B) (COF) wef 13 Jun 45. Capt. Allen visited CREME this afternoon.	Heck	

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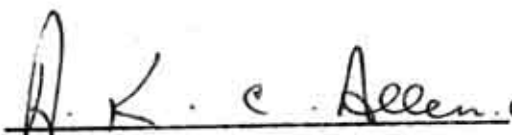
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Schipholstraat 165, Glanerbrug, Overijssel, Netherlands	14 Jun		Weather: morning - cool and cloudy, windy; afternoon - cool and cloudy, windy; evening - cool and cloudy, windy with some rain. A Chev HUV, a Ford 15 cwt GS, a Willys jeep engine and a Willys jeep taken to wksp today. Painting of Regtl vehs continued today.	Adch
	15 Jun		Weather: morning - clear and cool; afternoon - partly cloudy and cool; evening - partly cloudy and cool Major Anderson, 2 i/c CREME First Cdn Army Tps visited 123 LAD this afternoon to inspect the LAD. Painting of Regtl vehs continued today.	Adch-
	16 Jun		Weather: morning - partly cloudy and cool; afternoon - partly cloudy and cool; evening - partly cloudy and cool. Nominal roll of LAD personnel giving points prepared for CREME today as requested.	Adch
	17 Jun		Weather: morning - partly cloudy; afternoon - clear and warm; evening - clear and cooler, moonlight. Church Parade this morning for Regtl and LAD personnel. LAD received orders to be prepared to move to Nijmegen on Wednesday morning for disbanding. Regt will be moving to Nijmegen for the same reason.	Adch
	18 Jun		Weather: morning - clear and warm; afternoon - clear and warm; evening - clear and warm, moonlight. An Armd 15 cwt and two Willys jeeps taken to wksp today.	Adch
	19 Jun		Weather: morning - clear and warm; afternoon - clear and warm; evening - clear and warm. A Regtl HUP taken to wksp today. Previous destination for 123 LAD was changed and it is now First Cdn Army Tps Wksp in Arnhem where Capt. Allen will be in charge of the RCEME Transit Camp. 123 LAD personnel are to be cross-posted from here to units as per posting order received tonight. The contents of the Stores lorries were turned in at the appropriate place today in preparation for the turn-in of vehicles tomorrow. LAD personnel preparing to move off right after breakfast in the morning.	Adch

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Schipholtstraat 165, Glanerbrug, Overijssel, Netherlands.	45 20 Jun		<p>Weather: morning - clear and hot; afternoon - clear and hot; evening - partly cloudy and sultry</p> <p>LAD convoy moved off at approx. 0830 hrs with the Regt's convoy. LAD parted from the Regt at Zutphen and continued on its own, after a stop for dinner, to First Cdn Army Tps Wksp, in Arnhem. Arrived shortly after dinner and quarters were obtained in a school nearby. After personnel and their kit were unloaded, the vehicles were taken to the Demob Veh Park, RCOG for turning in. Army Form G1033 in five copies and AB108s in triplicate were used. Nine LAD personnel are being kept to staff the RCEME Transit Camp. Remainder of personnel are being cross-posted to units as shown in RCEMELO Adm HQ First Cdn Army RCEMELO 1000 d/19 Jun 45. Capt. Allen will be in charge of RCEME Transit Camp. All LAD personnel were given two copies each of "The History of the Kangaroos".</p> <p style="text-align: right;">  CAPT. </p> <p style="text-align: right;"> OC 123 LAD att 1 Cdn Armd Carrier Regt </p>	<p>ALC</p> <p>R. K. C. Allen</p>